MINUTES OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

KANSAS,

CONVENED IN

CHRIST'S ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
EUREKA, KAN., OCTOBER 19-23, 1904.

AND THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS,

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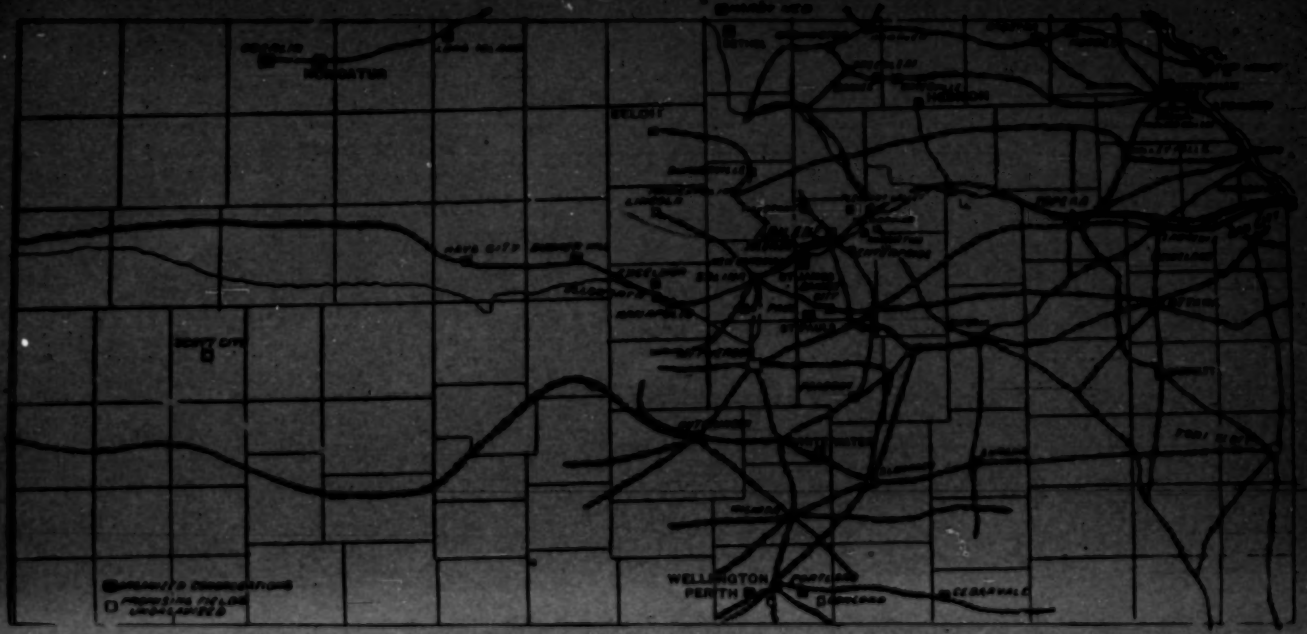

This Map shows Organized General Synod Lutheran Congregations, and Promising Fields Unorganized in the State of Kansas.

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OF

KANSAS.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas convened in Thirth-seventh Annual Convention, in Christ's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Eureka, Kan., the Rev. D. H. Cramer, pastor, Wednesday evening, October 19th, 1904, at 8 o'clock.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, the Rev. I. B. Heisey. The subject of his sermon was "The Church's Greatest Symbol."

Following the sermon, the Holy Communion was celebrated.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1904, 9 A. M.

A half-hour's devotional service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates enrolled.

Synodical Roll.

Number.	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.	Lay Delegates and Correspondents.
1	Jacob Schauer, *a. e.*	1848	Atchison	No charge.
2	L. C. Groseclose	1849	Eureka	No charge.
3	S. Henry, *a*	1850	Independence	No charge.
4	J. B. McAfee, *a*	1854	Topeka	No charge.
5	A. B. Kirtland, *a. e.*	1857	Salina	No charge.
6	Henry Heigerd, *a.*	1858	Effingham	No charge.
7	N. W. Lilly, *a*	1858		No charge.
8	D. Scholl, *a*	1859	Hoquiam, Wash	No charge.
9	R. B. Whitehill, *a. e.*	1862	Wellington	No charge.
10	A. J. Hartsock, *a.*	1867	Salina	No charge.
11	H. H. Hall, D. D.	1869	Chapman	D. B. Pierce.
12	J. H. Stough, Ph. D.	1872	Atchison	Professor Midland College.
13	J. F. Cressler	1872	New Cambria	J. M. Brubaker.
14	John A. Bright	1873	Topeka	No charge.
15	S. Palmer, *a. e.*	1875	Lawrence	No charge.
16	C. W. Sifferd, D. D.		Ottawa	C. F. Avenarius, *d.*
17	J. M. Cromer	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	Samuel Boyer, *a. e.*
18	R. W. Hufford, D. D.	1876	Atchison	J. H. Berlin, *d.*
19	B. F. Pugh	1877	Ottawa	No charge.
20	John A. M. Ziegler, D. D.	1877	Kansas City, Mo.	John A. Wible, *d.*
21	J. N. Zimmer	1878	Abilene.	
22	William Kelly		Oklahoma City, Okla.	George G. Sohlberg, *d., a. e.*
23	J. C. Jacoby, D. D.	1878	Sedalia, Mo.	Henry Mussman, *d., a. e.*
24	H. A. Ott, A. M	1881	Topeka	H. W. McAfee, *d.*
25	F. D. Altman, D. D.	1882	Atchison	President West. Theo. Sem'y.
26	C. E. Wirick	1882	Salina	John Moyer, *d.*
27	H. L. Yarger, D. D.	1885	Atchison	Field Secretary, Bd. Ch. Ex.
28	J. F. Scherer	1885	Springfield, Mo	No charge.
29	Jonas Freet, *a*	1888	Abilene	No charge.
30	H. A. Koogle, *a. e.*	1888	Chapman	No charge.
31	I. B. Heisey	1890	Waterville	George R. Kistler, *d.*
32	R. B. Wolf	1893	Kansas City, Kan	Robert Anderson, *d.*
33	Fuller Bergstresser	1893	Abilene	H. L. Humphrey, *d.*
34	H. Zimmerman	1893	Emporia	John Hoffer, *d.*
35	P. G. Tonsing, *a*	1893	Atchison	No charge.
36	P. S. Spraker		Kennard, Neb.	
37	B. F. Kistler	1896	Greenleaf	J. C. Nelson.
38	J. J. Chambers	1896	Perth	G. N. Erhard, *d.*
39	J. F. Petticrew, *a. e.*	1896		
40	R. P. Schimmelpfenning	1896	Glasco.	
41	D. H. Cramer	1897	Eureka	E. J. Wolf, *d.*
42	Ezra E. Stauffer	1897	Lawrence	A. T. Olson, *d.*
43	B. R. Lantz, *a. e.*		St. Joseph, Mo.	Jesse Schwartz.
44	J. Kent Riser	1897	Hutchinson	Clarence Herbley, *a. e.*
45	Charles F. West	1898	Hays City	George Foreman, *a. e.*
46	Elmer H. Combs	1899	Whitewater	George B. Hanstine, *d., a. e.*
47	W. A. Livers, *a. e.*	1899		No charge.
48	J. T. Miller	1899	Norcatur	No charge.
49	J. M. Herbst	1901	Effingham	B. Wallack.
50	C. G. Nielsen	1901	Beloit	Daniel Koch, *a. e.*
51	C. N. Swihart	1901	Peabody	John Bender, *d.*
52	W. F. Peot, *a. e.*			
53	Charles F. Schultz	1901	Wellington	Harry Pratt, *d.*
54	Frank Heilman		Kansas City, Mo.	D. H. Kresky.
	Vacant		Moray	A. M. Ricklefs, *d.*
			Vinland	H. H. Hemphill.
			Garnett and Bush City	
			Minneapolis	Herman Stelter, *d.*
			Jerico	Janson Williams, *d.*

a. Absent without excuse. *d.* Delegates to this convention.

a. e. Absent and excused.

Note.—When no delegate is present, Synod records the name of some member of the congregation for purpose of correspondence.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren: Under the blessing of our loving heavenly Father, we have again come to the close of the Synodical year, and we are assembled in our Thirty-seventh Annual Convention with many reasons for profound thanksgiving to Almighty God. In His providence we have been spared as representatives of that Gospel which is for the healing of the nations—the power of God unto salvation—and which is to be consolation to those fallen under the calamitous incidents of a world full of selfishness and sin.

During this year of our Lord, when in a World's Exposition the attention of men is so generally directed to the glory of man, it is matter for thanksgiving that a host remains to magnify the Lord and rejoice in His works.

Since we parted at St. Joseph a year ago two of our brethren have spoken their final farewell to the world. Rev. A. M. Geiger, D. D., died at Kansas City on March 28th, 1904, and Rev. Simon G. Knudten died at the home of his brother in Chicago, Ill., on April 23d, 1904. The former, once so prominent in the councils of this Synod, had some years ago retired from the active work of the ministry; the latter had but just begun his life-work, he was only last fall ordained to the office of the holy ministry, and until shortly before his death he was pastor of our church at Glasco, Kan., which work he resigned because he heard the call to come up higher. Suitable memorials will be made in the appointed way.

I now submit to you the report of the work of the year. It is gratifying to notice here that the changes of the year have been favorable to our work. We have on our ministerial roll ten new names. There are fewer vacancies than last year, and the work in general is in a more prosperous condition.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. N. W. Lilly resigned his work at Garnett and Bush City, November 30th, 1903, and the field has been vacant since that time.

Rev. Simon G. Knudten resigned at Glasco, Kan., on March 11th, 1904, on account of serious illness.

Rev. J. F. Petticrew resigned the Jerico pastorate and closed his work there July 1st, 1904.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., resigned at St. Joseph, Mo., and closed his labors there July 31st, 1904.

Rev. J. T. Miller resigned the Norcatur pastorate and closed his labors there September 1st, 1904.

Rev. W. F. Poot resigned the Minneapolis pastorate, closing his labors there with the close of the Synodical year, October 1st, 1904.

Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D., resigned the Sedalia pastorate, to take effect November 1st, 1904.

DISMISSALS.

The following brethren were given letters of dismissal on the dates and to the Synods indicated:

Rev. R. H. Williams, November 14th, 1903, to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. J. F. Krueger, December 2d, 1903, to the German Synod of Nebraska.

Rev. B. F. Hills, April 22d, 1904, to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. Allison R. Betz, June 7th, 1904, to the Synod of Southern Illinois.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., September 5th, 1904, to the Synod of Nebraska.

Rev. J. F. Scherer, September 27th, 1904, to the Ozark Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John H. Utesch, October 11th, 1904, to the Synod of Central and Southern Illinois.

ACCESSIONS.

The following brethren have been enrolled as members of our Synod on the dates and by letters from the Synods indicated:

Rev. J. F. Cressler, December 12th, 1903, from the Synod of Nebraska.

Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D., January 2d, 1904, from the Synod of Central Illinois.

Rev. William Kelly, January 29th, 1904, from the Synod of California.

Rev. J. Kent Rizer, March 16th, 1904, from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D., April 10th, 1904, from the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

Rev. Charles F. Schultz, May 28th, 1904, from the Synod of Nebraska.

Rev. R. Schimmelpfenning, August 20th, 1904, from the German Nebraska Synod.

Rev. Frank Heilman, September 26th, 1904, from the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., October 17th, 1904, from the Synod of Central Illinois.

Rev. B. R. Lantz, October 17th, 1904, from the Synod of East Pennsylvania.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

November 2d, 1903, Rev. B. F. Kistler accepted a call and became pastor of the Greenleaf pastorate.

December 19th, 1903, Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D., began his work as pastor at Chapman, Kan., having accepted a call to that field.

January 1st, 1904, Rev. William Kelly began his work at Oklahoma City, having accepted a call to that mission field.

March 1st, 1904, Rev. J. Kent Rizer began his work at Hutchinson, Kan., having favorably considered a call extended to him by our church at that point.

April 1st, 1904, Rev. Charles F. Schultz began his work at Wellington, Kan., in response to a call.

June 15th, 1904, Rev. Frank Heilman began his work for the Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., having accepted a call from that church.

July 10th, 1904, Rev. R. Schimmelpfenning accepted a call to become pastor of our church at Glasco, Kan.

September 20th, 1904, Rev. B. R. Lantz accepted a call to become pastor of our church at St. Joseph, Mo., and he expects to enter upon his work there about November 1st, 1904.

The Ottawa Church has extended a call to Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., which I am informed he has accepted, expecting to be on the field at an early date.

INSTALLATIONS.

The installation of Rev. Simon G. Knudten as pastor of our church at Glasco, Kan., on December 6th, 1903. The President of Synod preached the sermon in the English language and performed the installation. Prof. J. L. Neve, D. D., of the Western Seminary, preached a German sermon.

Rev. J. F. Cressler was installed pastor of our church at New Cambria, Kan., on January 28th, 1904, by Rev. C. E. Wirick, of Salina, Kan.

The installation of Rev. J. J. Chambers as pastor of our church at Perth, Kan., took place on February 1st, 1904. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., preached and performed the installation.

Rev. C. F. Wiest was installed pastor of our church at Hays City, Kan., in the newly dedicated church, on Sunday evening, February 28th, 1904. Rev. Fuller Bergstresser preached the sermon to the pastor, and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., the sermon to the congregation.

Rev. Frank Heilman was installed pastor of the Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., July 17th, 1904, by Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D. Rev. C. Rollin Sherck, of Soux City, Iowa, was also present at the service and preached one of the sermons.

Rev. R. Schimmelpfenning was installed pastor of our church at Glasco, Kan., on September 11th, 1904. Rev. C. G. Nielsen preached in the German language, addressing especially the people, and President of Synod addressed especially the pastor.

DEDICATIONS.

The beautiful new church erected by our congregation at Hays City, Kan., at a cost of $8,000.00, was dedicated February 28th, 1904. Rev. Fuller Bergstresser preached the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., assisted in raising the $1,550.00 necessary to meet the debts incurred by building. The church was dedicated, with all obligations provided for, and the congregation is now worshiping in the most beautiful church in those parts.

On September 25th, 1904, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan., dedicated their newly acquired church property. The structure

is of pressed brick, modern in style of architecture, abundant in size, and was originally erected at a cost of $12,000.00. The congregation secured the building for a little less than one-third of the cost of construction. There were present at the dedicatory services: Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., and Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary General Society, all of whom made addresses. This church was organized September 14th, 1902, and in so soon acquiring a commodious church property has certainly made remarkable progress.

VACANCIES AND SUPPLIES.

Garnett and Bush City, Jerico, Minneapolis, Norcatur, and Vinland, are at this time vacant.

Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., retired from the work at Moray, February 1st, 1904, but the church has been regularly supplied from the Western Theological Seminary since that time, and the congregation prefers to continue for the present, arranging for their own pulpit ministrations through the seminary.

The Glasco congregation was vacant for seven and one-half months of the year. During that time Rev. C. G. Nielsen did much for this church, preaching, teaching, confirming a class, holding communion service, and aiding the President in securing a pastor.

The Children's Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., was vacant until June 15th, 1904, and during the vacancy was cared for mainly by supplies furnished from the seminary. It is largely due to the energetic efforts of Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., and Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., that the church was not dissolved and thus lost to us.

Jerico, Garnett, and Vinland are very difficult fields to supply with regular preaching service on account of the unpromising nature of the work and its present weak condition. It is possible that Garnett and Vinland can be cared for some time to come by Rev. B. F. Pugh, who expects to continue his residence at Ottawa for the present.

COMMUNION AT VACANT CHURCHES.

By direction of the President, Rev. B. F. Pugh held communion service at Garnett on October 9th, 1904; he was also to visit Vinland on the 16th.

PARSONAGES.

St. Paul's Lutheran congregation at Ottawa, Kan., has recently completed the erection of an elegant new parsonage, with modern conveniences, at a cost of about $2,200.00, and only $500.00 indebtedness remains to be met in the future.

The Glasco congregation completed the parsonage commenced during the last Synodical year and has only $300.00 of indebtedness left at this time. One-third of the pastorates of the Synod now have parsonages for their pastors. The progress recently made in this direction is very encouraging.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Lawrence, Kan. The church at this point has spent $245.00 in making improvements on the church property, beautifying the Sunday school room and primary department, and placing a substantial new walk around the church.

Topeka, Kan. Our church at Topeka is installing a pipe-organ at an expense of $1,200.00, and it is making other improvements which, when completed, will cost at least $400.00 more.

Peabody, Kan. The Peabody Church has installed an electric light plant at a cost of $275.00, and has re-painted the parsonage.

Eureka, Kan. The Eureka Church has made improvements costing $210.00 and paid $135.00 of old indebtedness.

Waterville, Kan. The Hebron Church of this pastorate made final settlement with the Board of Church Extension, and the parsonage was re-painted and the property improved at an expense of $75.00.

Kansas City, Mo. During the Synodical year the Children's Memorial Church spent about $800.00 in improving and beautifying the church property.

Abilene, Kan. The Abilene Church and parsonage have been improved and beautified at a cost of $1,100.00, and paid for in full.

Atchison, Kan. Repairs costing $100.00 have been made and a mortgage indebtedness amounting to $795.00 has been paid in full.

Kansas City, Mo., First Church. This church has about completed arrangements to pay its entire indebtedness of $21,000.00, and this will mean a new era in the history of the church.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Nachusa Orphans' Home has been established, and this Synod ought now to elect regular Trustees and in general state its relation to the institution.

The Manchester and St. James Churches have been served by Rev. J. N. Zimmer as supply pastor during the entire year. He now finds the St. James Church so unpromising that he wishes to discontinue serving that point while continuing at Manchester.

The President of the General Synod, Rev. E. J. Wolf, D. D., calls the attention of District Synods to a general movement against the divorce evil, and asks that action be taken by each District Synod placing its ministry in harmony with this general movement.

At least a dozen new points have been suggested as hopeful fields for the work of our Church, and, since we have an encouraging number of young men now in the Western Seminary preparing for work, it would seem wise that some new method be employed to develop and prepare the promising fields for the workers and to occupy them for our Church.

A re-districting of the Synod into new conference districts has been suggested by a number of the ministers. This might be wise, and it might also be well if all the General Synod congregations on our territory could be induced to unite with our Synod.

STATE OF RELIGION.

A digest of the pastors' Reports on State of Religion indicates, in the first place, that during the year attendance on public worship has been encouraging; only one pastor reports one of the churches of his pastorate having a diminishing attendance. In one-half of the churches the attendance is growing. Communicants are generally faithful in the use of the public means of grace. On an average 57 per cent. of the children and youth of the church attend public worship, and 20 per cent. of the congregations are non-professors. Special services for religious awakening were held in only two of our churches. Only a few of our congregations do not have prayer meetings, some have two, and the average attendance is about 10 per cent. of the membership.

The Sunday schools seem to be in a prosperous condition, and in thorough touch with our Church work. The percentage of the membership interested and active in this church school work varies from 10 per cent. in some of the larger city churches to 85 per cent. in one of the smaller town churches. All of our schools now are using Lutheran literature, and a large majority are educating the children in the grace of giving. The congregations are becoming more systematic in the benevolent work.

Respectfully submitted, I. B. HEISEY.

The report was referred to the proper committee.

Election of Officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—Rev. R. B. Wolf, Kansas City, Kan.

Secretary—Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Lawrence, Kan.

Treasurer—H. L. Humphrey, Esq., Abilene, Kan.

Rev. R. T. Harkness, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Eureka, was introduced and invited to a seat in the convention.

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.

Meeting: 9 A. M., 2 P. M.

Adjournment: 11.45 A. M., 4.30 P. M.

Evening Services: 7.30 P. M.

Press Reporters.

Lutheran World—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser.

Lutheran Observer—Rev. H. Zimmerman.

Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Local Papers—Rev. C. F. Wiest, Rev. R. B. Wolf.

Report of Devotional Committee.

LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Morning—Rev. R. B. Wolf.
Evening—Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Morning—Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D.
Evening—Rev. C. F. Wiest.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Morning—Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.
Evening—Rev. J. M. Cromer.

BAPTIST.

Morning—Rev. C. N. Swihart.
Evening—Rev. J. Kent Rizer.

CHRISTIAN.

Morning—Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.
Evening—Rev. John A. Bright.

LUTHERAN CHURCH, EMPORIA.

Rev. Fuller Bergstresser.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. M. Herbst.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Rev. C. E. Wirick offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Appointment of Committees.

President's Report—Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., Rev. J. T. Miller, Mr. John Bender.

Treasurer's Report—Mr. J. H. Berlin, Mr. Robert Anderson, Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.

Devotional Services—Rev. R. B. Wolf, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Rev. D. H. Cramer.

Absentees and Excuses—Rev. C. F. Wiest, Rev. J. F. Cressler, Mr. George N. Erhard.

Apportionment—Rev. William Kelly, Rev. J. J. Chambers, Mr. A. T. Olson.

Correspondence—Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Mr. George R. Kistler.

Synodical Calendar—Rev. H. A. Ott, Rev. H. Zimmerman, Mr. H. W. McAfee.

Literary and Theological Institutions—Rev. I. B. Heisey, Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D., Rev. J. M. Cromer.

Application of Churches for Admission to Synod—Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D., Rev. B. F. Kistler, Mr. Samuel Boyer.

Minutes of Conference—Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, Rev. B. F. Pugh, Mr. W. C. Albers.

Resolutions—Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D., Rev. Frank Heilman, Mr. John Hoffer.

Vacant Congregations—Rev. C. N. Swihart, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Mr. Herman Stelter.

Literature—Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., Mr. H. L. Humphrey.

On Claims—Rev. B. F. Pugh, Rev. E. H. Combs, Mr. E. J. Wolf.

Temperance—Rev. J. H. Stough, Ph. D., Rev. J. A. Bright, Mr. George B. Hanstine.

Adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer then offered his report. (See Appendix A.)

It was referred to a committee.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Convention.

Your committee respectfully report as follows:

We find the Minutes, including the Treasurer's and Parochial Reports, in neatly printed form. However, we find no authorization for the said printing or distribution of the same. By what authority were the Minutes printed and distributed?

By established precedent.

As the Minutes indicate, many of the recommendations and instructions of Synod were complied with, but we inquire as to the following:

1. According to action of Synod, the support of Oklahoma City Mission

in the sum of $300.00 was continued for the year 1903-1904. Was this sum secured and paid?

Paid $257.50.

2. As instructed by the Board of Trustees, did the officers of Synod secure proper bond from the newly elected Treasurer?

Yes.

3. It was recommended that, should the proposed Orphans' Home within the bounds of Synod of Northern Illinois be established and opened on or before June 1st, 1904, the Children's Day offering be given to said institution. Has this been done?

Eighteen churches report offerings.

4. The officers of Synod were empowered to re-district our conferences and ordered to report at this meeting of Synod. Are they ready to report?

Not ready to report.

5. It was resolved that it was the conviction of Synod that the home-finding feature should be incorporated in the name of the proposed Western Orphans' Home. Has this been done?

This feature was incorporated in the Constitution of the Home.

Respectfully submitted, J. T. MILLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your committee would report that during the year aid was given to Mr. Frederick R. Shirck, Mr. Paul Mennenoeh, and Mr. Paul H. Heisey in the sum of $125.00 each.

Mr. Shirck has completed the Junior year in the Western Theological Seminary, and has done very acceptable work in the pulpit, supplying at vacant points under the direction of the President of the Seminary and the President of Synod. He asks aid for the ensuing year in the sum of $75.00.

Mr. Paul Mennenoeh is now a regular Freshman in Midland College, having creditably completed the work in the academy. He asks aid for the coming year in the sum of $125.00.

Mr. Paul H. Heisey is a member of the Sophomore Class at Midland College. He completed the work of the Freshman Class to the satisfaction of his professors and your committee, and he asks aid in the sum of $125.00 for the coming year.

In reference to the foregoing items, we recommend:

1. That aid be granted to Mr. Paul Mennenoeh and Mr. Paul H. Heisey in the sum of $125.00 each, and to Mr. Frederick R. Shirck in the sum of $75.00.

2. That the apportionment for Ministerial Education for the ensuing year be 12 cents per member.

3. *Resolved*, That all applicants for aid from this fund shall be required to agree to pursue their entire course under the direction of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
J. HOWARD STOUGH,
JESSE SCHWARTZ.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Transportation.

Your committee during the year secured reduced transportation for about a dozen people, including several of the ladies to the Woman's Convention. Owing to there not being one hundred people attending this convention no general reduced rate could be obtained.

The expenses of the committee have been very slight, and we make no bill for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
R. B. WOLF.

Adopted.

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Synod for the following persons as Trustees of Synod: Rev. R. B. Wolf, 1906; Rev. E. E. Stauffer, 1906; Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., 1906.

The following persons were received as advisory members: Rev. L. P. Ludden, Rev. Thale P. Skovgard, Rev. Oscar Ostrom.

Moved that the place and time of next meeting be fixed.

Rev. H. Zimmerman invited the Synod to meet at Emporia in 1905. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the body in favor of Emporia.

Moved that the third Tuesday of October be the time for the opening of Synod in 1905.

On motion, Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D., was heard in behalf of the Deaconess Board.

Moved that Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D., be asked to bear the greetings of the Kansas Synod to the Synodical Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. William Kelly:

Resolved, That the Kansas Synod requests the churches connected with it to raise the full amount of their apportionment for the Deaconess work.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.

EVENING SERVICE.

7.30 O'CLOCK.

The Anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was the order for this service.

The President of the Synodical Society, Mrs. Alice G. Bond, of Salina, presided.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, Ph. D., Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Miss Porter, of Eureka, gave a reading.

A liberal offering was received for the Synodical Society.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. E. H. Combs.

The Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., offered prayer.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., was received as an advisory member.

Moved that the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions be heard at the Saturday morning session, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Rev. A. J. Evenson was received as an advisory member.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee has had placed in its hands the Report of the President. It is a very full and carefully prepared statement of Synodical administration for the year.

We recommend:

1. That his official acts be approved.

2. That a committee be appointed to present suitable resolutions on the decease of Rev. Andrew M. Geiger, D. D., and Rev. Simon G. Knudten.

3. That the request of the President of the General Synod concerning the general movement against the divorce evil be referred to the Committee on

Resolutions to suggest suitable action, placing our ministry in harmony with this general movement.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
J. T. MILLER,
J. H. BENDER.

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D., was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the decease of Rev. Andrew M. Geiger, D. D., and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., on the death of Rev. Simon G. Knudten.

Report of Directors of Nachusa Orphanage.

Your Provisional Directors, appointed to aid in establishing the new Orphans' Home for the West, at Nachusa, Ill., respectfully and gratefully report that they have fulfilled the duty laid upon them. A meeting was held last December at Dixon, Ill., following the grant of a charter by the State of Illinois, under whose laws the new institution has been founded, at which a Board of Directors was organized and officers elected as follows: President, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., of the Kansas Synod; Secretary, Rev. J. G. M. Hursh, Northern Illinois Synod; and Treasurer, Dr. A. L. Miller, Northern Illinois Synod. Other members of the Board were present from the Kansas Synod, the Central Illinois, and Southern Illinois Synods. Members have more recently been elected from the Nebraska and German Nebraska bodies, and the Iowa Synod will also be represented, thus insuring the active co-operation of all the Synods of our territory.

The new Home, under the name of Nachusa Lutheran Orphanage, was opened and dedicated with interesting services and a large attendance of friends and visitors, Thursday, May 12th, 1904, the property having been formally received by transfer from the donor, Mrs. Mary Shippert, to the Board of Directors, March 1st, 1904. The full control of the property and use of the entire building, however, will not be in command of the Board until March 1st, 1905, because of a lease held by a tenant, who, however, has been in sympathy with our work and co-operating as our farmer and manager in large part during the present year. This has, however, limited our space for the accommodation of applicants, and we must patiently wait for a larger development, until we can legally secure the full use of the property for the purposes of our work.

There have been more applications all the while since the opening than we have been able to receive with our limited space in the Home. We do not fear for the future. Already the house has been improved by an addition to the original mansion, and the local community, county, and surrounding territory, as well as our District Synods, and pastors in all our territory are manifesting deep interest in the work. We are pleased to report that the home-finding idea advanced by the Kansas Synod and reported to the Directors for favorable action has been incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws of the Or-

phanage. In several instances already this has proved valuable in the way of placing children under safe and responsible home care by advice and counsel and co-operation on the part of the officers of the new Home. At present we have six orphan children in the Home, and six applications are pending.

The Home is under the immediate care of a matron of experience, both as teacher and nurse; a deaconess, and a helper in household and sewing service; while the Secretary of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee have general oversight and authority in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Home.

The donations of household goods, provisions, and necessaries of every kind have been generous, and the cash offerings of the opening day and of our District Synods and pastorates have been sufficient to meet all demands made thus far in the history of the new institution. Though we are gratified to report a generous balance in our treasury at the present time, we must remind the Synod that there needs to be made provision for a certain income in order to maintain the Home in its growth, which will be more rapid after March 1st next, when we secure possession of the entire buildings of the Home farm. We ask, therefore, the following, and request favorable action of the brethren:

1. That the Synod apportion 5 cents per member for the Nachusa Orphanage, and instruct the Apportionment Committee to include that amount in the regular table for 1904 and 1905.

2. That the Synod elect two members on the regular Board of Directors of the new Orphanage, one to serve for one year and one for two years.

3. That the Synod request all pastors of churches and superintendents of our Sunday schools to call attention to the Orphanage and its blessings and its needs, especially on Children's Day in June of each Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. TROXELL,
J. P. BURTIS,
Provisional Directors.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your committee respectfully submit the following per capita apportionment:

General Synod	$0 03
Synodical Treasury	10
Home Missions	28
Foreign Missions	20
Church Extension	20
Board of Education	16
Ministerial Education	12
Pastors' Fund	07
Deaconess Board	07
Nachusa Orphans' Home	05
Home for Aged	05

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM KELLY,
J. J. CHAMBERS,
A. T. OLSON.

Adopted.

(For Tabulated Statement, see Appendix C.)

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee to audit the books and accounts of the Treasurer, H. L. Humphrey, respectfully report that the same have been compared and checked up to and including October 15th, 1904, and found correct; with balances on hand as follows: General Synod Treasury, $83.04; Synodical Treasury, $148.08; and Ministerial Education, $116.61. A total of $347.73.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BERLIN,
ROBERT ANDERSON,
F. D. ALTMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Application of Churches for Admission to this Synod.

Your Committee on Application of Churches for Admission to this Synod beg to report that there are no such applications, and, therefore, have nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. JACOBY,
B. F. KISTLER.

Adopted.

Moved that the election of delegates to the General Synod and the filling of any other elective offices be made a special order for 2 P. M.

Moved that, immediately after the election of delegates to the General Synod, the Report of the Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions be presented, and that Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, be heard.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

Since the last meeting of Synod great changes have taken place at Midland College. Many of these are known to all the members of Synod and need not be mentioned in this report. Suffice it to say, as to these changes in the administration and teaching force, the new men have taken hold of the work in a way that has already inspired confidence, and that gives promise of a new era of success.

At the annual meeting, held at the regular time in June, the fact was brought out that never in the history of the institution were the financial matters of the college in such good condition. We have now a plant that at a moderate estimate is valued at $80,000.00, and there was at that time no indebtedness except two months' salary to the professors.

Since the meeting of the Board the college has been put into thorough touch with the State school work. A course in pedagogy has been arranged that will entitle our graduates to State certificates to teach without examination, and we confidently expect that complete arrangements will be made at an early date with the State authorities to grant such certificates.

Midland needs nothing now so much as more students and a more hearty co-operation on the part of every pastor and every member of the churches on this territory.

The suggestion made by the new administration for a rally day at Midland ought to be heartily endorsed by the members of this body.

This early we learn that steps have been taken which, we believe, will tend to attract students and make Midland better known and more popular on this territory.

Respectfully submitted, I. B. HEISEY,
Trustee.

Rev. C. B. Wells and Rev. J. S. Kinsey, of Eureka, were introduced to Synod.

Moved that the President of Synod be instructed to secure proper stationery for the officers of Synod.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D.

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION.

2 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. L. P. Ludden.

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Delegates to General Synod.

CLERICAL.

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
Rev. C. E. Wirick,	Rev. J. M. Cromer,
Rev. Fuller Bergstresser,	Rev. R. B. Wolf,
Rev. H. Zimmerman,	Rev. J. M. Herbst,
Rev. D. H. Cramer,	Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D.,
Rev. E. H. Combs,	Rev. I. B. Heisey,
Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D.	Rev. J. J. Chambers.

LAY.

Prof. Robert J. Peters,	M. C. Ross, Esq.,
H. W. McAfee,	George G. Sohlberg,
H. L. Humphrey, Esq.,	S. H. Weigle,
George N. Erhard,	J. W. Neptune, M. D.,
J. A. Coble, Esq.,	C. J. Eriksen,
John Hoffer.	H. F. Rizer.

Moved that the President appoint the working committees and that the Standing Committees be nominated by the Calendar Committee.

Moved that a committee be appointed to visit Rev. L. C. Groseclose and administer the Holy Communion, and the President of Synod be the chairman of the committee. The President named Rev. John A. Bright, Rev. R. W. Hufford, D. D., Rev. B. F. Pugh, Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D.

Report of Committee on Parochial Report.

(See Appendix B.)

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod secure from The Lutheran Publication Society and keep on hand a supply of blank letters of dismissal of church members, and supply each pastor with copies of the same. Also, that blank pastoral calls be secured and supplied. Both to be paid for out of the funds of Synod.

Report of Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions.

Again thanking God that we have both a well-equipped college and theological seminary upon our territory, we have but to call attention to them urging continued loyalty in their support.

1. We believe that the small or denominational college is getting the better of the argument with the larger State institutions, and that the time is near at hand when the many merits of a Christian college will be more fully appreciated, and when our people will learn that whatever advantages larger institutions may have, they cannot overbalance the advantages in personal attention given both to the mental and moral training of the young so strongly emphasized in our denominational institutions.

We are especially grateful that Midland College, after passing through such a time of change, is again fully manned, and is carrying on the work with great credit to those engaged in it; and we do most heartily commend this institution to the patronage and prayer of all our people.

2. We rejoice at the good work done in the Western Theological Seminary up to the present time, and most earnestly hope that it may continue as at present organized.

It is our candid opinion that both the German and the English interests would suffer in a division of the work. We have too little to divide, and the additional expense of such division would be so great as to make such a movement impractical and unwise.

Besides, the education of both is more complete when they are educated

together. The English can learn much of application and persistent effort from our German students, and the German students can learn of the language, ways, and customs of our country where their life-work is to be done, in their association with the English students.

We, therefore, enter our kind but earnest protest against such contemplated separation, and urge our German brethren to join hand and heart with us in heartiest co-operation in building up our splendid institution, knowing no difference between the various elements among us, but laboring together for the upbuilding of the educational work of our beloved Zion in this great middle-ground of our country.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. HALL,
J. M. CROMER.

Adopted.

Rev. M. F. Tröxell, D. D., President of Midland College, and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., President of the Western Theological Seminary, were heard in connection with the discussion of the above report.

Moved that the notes given by those who have received aid from the Ministerial Education Fund, and have served faithfully in the ministry for a period of five years, be returned to them.

Mrs. H. A. Ott, of Topeka, conveyed greetings from the Woman's Synodical Society to the Synod.

Moved that the time of adjournment be extended thirty minutes.

Report of Committee on Claims.

Your Committee on Claims would respectfully report that three claims have been handed in, aggregating $42.11.

President Heisey	$10 00
Secretary Stauffer	21 07
Treasurer Humphrey	11 04
	$42 11

We recommend payment of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. PUGH,
E. H. COMBS.

Adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. H. Stough, Ph. D.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

At the evening service the address was delivered by Rev. Fuller Bergstresser on "Ministerial Education."

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. I. B. Heisey.

Rev. J. F. Cressler offered prayer.

Reading of minutes and approving of same.

Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., was elected as an advisory member.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your committee would report the following congregations as at this time on the funds of the Board of Home Missions and receiving the aid indicated:

Greenleaf and Barnes	$150 00
Beloit	150 00
Bunker Hill	100 00
Children's Memorial	400 00
Effingham and Valley Falls	150 00
Garnett	150 00
Hutchinson	350 00
Kansas City, Kan	500 00
Minneapolis	150 00
Oklahoma City, Okla	500 00
Ottawa	200 00
Sedalia, Mo	340 00
St. Joseph, Mo	350 00
Wellington	125 00
Eureka	80 00

Hays City has become self-sustaining during the year. Eureka will be self-sustaining after December 1st, 1904. These churches have taken this step

while other important progress was being made. Hays City has completed its new church during the year and Eureka made considerable improvement on its church property. We hope that it may be possible for a number of our missions to follow the example of Hays City and Eureka and assume self-support within the coming year, that the Board may be relieved and that other important fields may be occupied. There are many points now ready for our work, but men and means fail.

Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo. Pastor Heilman reports very encouraging signs of the times in his church. He says that there has in recent weeks been a very marked increase in attendance and in the interest taken in the church by the people of the community. The congregation has passed through great trials, but the clouds have lifted, and the prospects are now that the congregation will again take its place among the strongest of the Synod.

Minneapolis. Removals from the city congregation of this pastorate have weakened the church to such an extent that they seem to feel that no pastor can be called for some time. The country point, however, is stronger than ever, and is represented by a delegate in this convention. They desire service, and it has been suggested that our pastor at Glasco, Kan., visit the field from time to time. This can only be a temporary provision, and since Minneapolis has a beautiful church property and a parsonage, with a few faithful families, it would seem a pity not to continue the work there.

Kansas City, Kan. Our mission at this point has entered upon a new era in its history, having secured a beautiful church home. The work of building up the congregation will be much easier under the new conditions.

St. Joseph, Mo. An excellent church spirit seems to prevail in this congregation. A prominent member of the church council told your committee that the prospects are that the congregation will soon be able to assume self-support. Rev. B. R. Lantz, who has been called to succeed Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., expects to begin his work November 1st, 1904.

Bunker Hill. This church has been served for some months by Rev. Oscar Ostrom, who is a member of the Augustana Synod. Rev. Ostrom expects to resign on account of ill-health and return to California in the near future. He has had considerable to encourage him in his work.

Greenleaf and Barnes. Encouraging progress has been made in this field, a number of new members added, and the work generally built up.

Beloit. On a recent visit to Beloit the chairman of your committee heard encouraging words from both pastor and people. Several new families have recently located in the community that will strengthen the work. The parsonage has only $200.00 of debt upon it, and it was hoped this might be canceled soon.

Garnett. Garnett has been vacant since November 1st, 1903. Communion services were held October 9th by Rev. B. F. Pugh. There is very little enthusiasm in the field. Prospect of calling a pastor is very poor.

Ottawa. Ottawa has called Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., and he has begun

his work. An increase from $84.00 to $200.00 in the aid given by the Board was necessary.

Sedalia, Mo. This church will be vacant after November 1st of this year. The pastor reports some discouragement from removals of important families.

Hutchinson. This church is showing some signs of growth under the ministry of Rev. J. Kent Rizer.

Wellington. Rev. C. F. Schultz speaks encouragingly of the work in this field and improvements costing $350.00 have been made within the year.

Effingham and Valley Falls. Good work has been done in this field, and the work is especially prosperous in Effingham.

Oklahoma City. Rev. William Kelly has been pastor of this mission since January 1st, 1904. He is much encouraged, and is well received by his members. The Treasurer of Synod reports as follows on this work:

Balance on hand from last year	$58 05
Received during year on old subscriptions	3 50
Received during year on new subscriptions	254 00
Total	$315 55
Paid to missionaries	$315 55
Unpaid subscriptions	$29 50

We recommend that Synod continue to aid this mission, by giving $200.00 this year and $100.00 next year, expecting to discontinue aid after that time.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
ELMER H. COMBS,
H. L. YARGER.

Adopted.

Amounts Pledged for Oklahoma City Mission.

Abilene	$10 00	Waterville	$10 00
Atchison	10 00	Wellington	10 00
Emporia	10 00	Whitewater	10 00
Moray	10 00		
Greenleaf	2 50	PERSONAL.	
Hays City	10 00	Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.	$5 00
Hutchinson	5 00	Rev. B. F. Pugh	5 00
Kansas City, First	10 00	Mrs. J. C. Jacoby	5 00
Lawrence, Luther League	10 00	A Friend	5 00
New Cambria	5 00	Rev. John A. Bright	2 00
Ottawa	5 00	Rev. Thale P. Skovgard	5 00
Peabody	10 00	Mr. A. M. Ricklefs	2 00
Salina	5 00	Rev. J. Kent Rizer	3 00

Moved that the Synod appropriate from the Synodical Treasury for a window in the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kansas City, Kan., the sum of $50.00.

Report of Committee on Literature.

The Lutheran Church is an educating church. We believe in an able ministry and an intelligent people. In the attainment of these ends it is essential that we make use of the literature of our own Church life and doctrine. We cannot grow intelligent, truly enthusiastic Lutherans, on un-Lutheran intellectual food. We need Lutheran literature for Lutheran people.

We hereby direct the attention of our churches to the growing library of most excellent Lutheran literature, partly in translation from German and Scandinavian sources and partly as the product of scholarly men and women in America. Of the many valuable works that might with profit be placed in our homes we mention but two, that is, "The Lutheran Commentary" and "The Lutheran Cyclopedia."

We need scarcely emphasize the importance of using our own most excellent Augsburg Series of Lesson Helps in our Sunday Schools. The Lutheran Publication Society has met a long-felt need in issuing the *Lutheran Young People*, a weekly paper for the Sunday school.

The plan of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society to form Mission Study Training Classes, under the guidance of the pastor, for the developing of qualified leaders, using the literature provided by the Executive Committee, is most excellent. We urge our pastors to co-operate with the ladies in this commendable effort.

In view of the fact that our Order of Worship for Public Service is the peer of any similar service extant, we hereby memorialize the General Synod, through our delegates to the next convention, to unite with the other Lutheran bodies that have co-operated in the compiling of the Common Service, in the adoption of a Common Music also for the Common Service.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN A. M. ZIEGLER,
C. W. SIFFERD.

Adopted.

Moved that Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., be heard on the subject of Church Extension at 10.45 A. M.

Moved that Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., be heard in the interest of Foreign Missions at 2 P. M.

The time set for hearing Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., having arrived, he addressed the Synod on the subject of Church Extension.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D. D.:

In order to maintain hearty co-operation in the affairs of the Western Theological Seminary by the Synods on whose territory the seminary is located:

Resolved, That we hereby memorialize the General Synod through our delegates to the next convention to take such action as will give some degree of control over the affairs of the Western Theological Seminary to the Synods on whose territory the seminary is located.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D.:

Resolved, That all students for the ministry supported by this Synod be required to take a full course in the German language while attending our institutions of learning.

Report of Committee on the History of Lutheranism in Kansas.

Your committee appointed to compile material for a history of Lutheranism in Kansas would report progress. The various parts are now being written by the different members of the committee, and the hope is to have the work complete by the time of the next convention of Synod. They, therefore, ask further time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. OTT,
Chairman.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your Committee on Minutes of Conferences begs to report that the minutes of the conferences have been carefully examined. There has been no business transacted requiring the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

FULLER BERGSTRESSER,
BOOZ F. PUGH,
W. C. ALBERS.

Adopted.

Tribute to Rev. A. M. Geiger, D. D.

Rev. Andrew M. Geiger, D. D., was called to his reward March 28th, 1904, at the age of 72 years, 4 months, and 1 day.

He was a graduate of Wittenberg College and Seminary, entering the ministry in 1859. He became a member of the Kanas Synod in 1885, taking

charge of the church at Valley Falls, where he remained until he retired from the active ministry and removed to Kansas City. This was his home at the time of his death.

Dr. Geiger was a man of more than ordinary ability. He was prominent in educational work in Ohio and as Superintendent of Public Instruction in the State of Iowa. He was instrumental in establishing a number of churches. He took a lively interest in all the work of the Church.

His last days were his best days. After the toil of a strenuous life, hindered by infirmities and chastened through suffering, his confidence in the sure presence and support of the loving Father sustained him to the last. It was the writer's privilege to minister to him as the end drew near, to grasp his hand in prayer, and to hear his fervent Amen.

The workman falls, but the work goes on. We humbly record this tribute to the memory of one whom God called, in the full years of his ministry, from service here to the joys of the rewards in the church triumphant above.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN A. M. ZIEGLER.

Adopted.

In Memoriam.

Rev. Simon G. Knudten came to America from Germany in the fall of 1901 and entered the Western Theological Seminary at Atchison, Kan. He had previously graduated from the Theological Seminary in Breklum and desired to familiarize himself with the English language and methods of church work and customs of this Western country, that he might fulfill his heart's ambition to be useful and efficient in the ministry among his own people on this territory. He graduated from the Western Seminary in May, 1903, and located as pastor at Glasco, Kan. He received ordination at the hands of this Synod at our annual meeting in October, 1903, at St. Joseph, Mo. At the beginning of what promised to be a very successful career, the effects of pulmonary trouble were soon apparent. In April of the present year our brother entered his eternal rest after a short and courageous battle with the fatal disease. He had been a beneficiary of this Synod and was eager to serve the Church in our midst. A young man of noble missionary spirit and splendid preparation for his work, his faith strengthened as his bodily vigor became impaired, and he manifested a resignation to the heavenly Father's will that was beautiful and comforting. As the end drew near he expressed regret that the cherished wish of his life could not be more fully realized, but hoped that God and his kind friends would accept the humble service he had tried to render. His ministry among us, though brief, will be owned by Him who judgeth the intent of the heart.

Respectfully submitted, F. D. ALTMAN.

Adopted.

At the close of the reading of the above tribute, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., offered prayer.

Adjourned, with prayer by the President of Synod.

SIXTH BUSINESS SESSION.

2 P. M.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The order of the day was an address by Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

Your committee have endeavored by personal correspondence and by examination of reports to ascertain the condition of our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies.

We have discovered that there has been a falling off in the number of Sunday schools and in the number of members of the same. Last year there were reported 45 schools and 3,809 members. This year there are reported only 40 Sunday schools and 3,658 members. But from reports we believe the standard of our schools has been raised. On an average there has been about 3 from each Sunday school who have become communicant members of the Church.

We recommend:

1. The hearty co-operation of our schools with the State and County organized Sunday school work.

2. The more general adoption of the special up-to-date features of progressive Sunday school work, such as Teachers' Meeting, Teachers' Training Class, Primary Department, Home Department, Cradle Rolls, and Decision Day and Rally Day.

3. That we as pastors put forth special efforts to interest more the *men* of our Church in the Sunday school work.

We also find that there is a decrease in the number and members of the Young People's Societies. A decrease of 1 in societies and 96 in members.

Where is the trouble? We believe this is an important auxiliary of our Church, and deserves the hearty encouragement on the part of pastors and laymen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CHAMBERS,
J. M. HERBST.

Adopted.

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to have the same number of Minutes printed as last year, and to include the proceedings of the Woman's Convention, and an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of same.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

Your Committe on Absentees and Excuses submit the following report:

Letters have been received from Revs. Kirtland, Palmer, Whitehall, Scherer, Lantz, Livers, Petticrew, Poot, Nielson, and Koogle.

We commend that these brethren be excused.

We have carefully considered the excuses of those delegates who have left and who intend to leave before Synod closes.

Of this number we feel that Revs. Ott, Herbst, Zimmerman, and Ziegler as not having sufficient excuses, and, therefore, your committee cannot recommend that they be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. WIEST,
J. F. CRESSLER,
G. N. ERHARD.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee on Vacancies are pleased to report that the vacancies have decreased 50 per cent. during the year. Those now vacant are: Vinland, Minneapolis, Moray, Jerico, Garnett, and Bush City.

Jerico has a third point in Virgil City which may be added to the field. This place is very anxious for a pastor. With some aid from the Synod they could support a pastor fairly well.

We recommend that this union with Virgil City be effected and a pastor secured.

The congregation at Minneapolis is discouraged, but we recommend that the congregations hold together and secure a pastor as soon as convenient.

We recommend that Rev. B. F. Pugh supply at Bush City and Garnett as often as convenient until a regular pastor is secured.

Moray seems to be able to care for itself.

Vinland is weak, but holds occasional services.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. SWIHART,
H. L. YARGER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Quarterly Benevolence Envelopes.

The Committee on Quarterly Benevolence Envelopes would report that 20,000 envelopes were secured during the past year, 7,000 of which have been

distributed. We are glad to report that nearly all of the churches of our Synod are using these envelopes in the gathering of their benevolent offerings.

Respectfully submitted, E. E. STAUFFER,
H. A. OTT.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions would submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby call the attention once more of all our pastors and people to the crying need of our Church Boards for more money to carry on the work now in hand, to prevent the increase of debt and for the payment of burdensome debts already incurred, and that we urge that every congregation in the Synod shall make an honest, prayerful, and persistent effort through the coming year to meet its apportionment, as the minimum of benevolence offering.

2. *Resolved*, That with sincere sorrow we have just heard of the affliction that has befallen our brother, the Rev. W. F. Poot, and his wife, in the death of their child. Our sympathy goes out to them in their bereavement, and we commend them to the love and care of the dear Lord, who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of God."

3. *Resolved*, That this Synod emphatically declares its belief in the sacredness of the marriage bond, and that the evils attendant on a disregard for it are perilous alike to the Church and the State. This Synod further desires to express its profound conviction that the laws of our country pertaining to marriage and divorce should be made to conform to the teachings of the Master, our Lord Jesus Christ; and, further, that no member of this body should officiate at a marriage where either person has a husband or wife living, unless divorce was granted on Scriptural grounds, and then to the innocent party only.

WHEREAS, The failure to enforce the prohibitory liquor law in many of the cities and towns of our State has emboldened the law-breaking saloonkeeper and caused an increase in the unlawful, dangerous, and often ruinous business of selling intoxicating liquors; and,

WHEREAS, The number of those who destroy body and soul, and often beggar their wives and children, and make their homes unspeakably wretched by spending their money in the joint and in the saloon is still very large; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we recognize it as the duty of Christian pastors and people to use their influence, wherever possible, to secure the enforcement of the law and the closing of those places of evil.

2. *Resolved*, That we believe that the most effective and abiding remedy for the drink evil is the formation of a strong, conscientious, and enlightened Christian character, making a man a law unto himself, so that he will neither buy nor sell, nor in anywise profit by that which causes woe and sorrow; and

that it shall be our prayerful and constant endeavor to develop such character and cultivate such sentiment in the Church, home, Sunday school, and community.

3. *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of this body be and hereby are extended to the pastor and members of this church, to the pastors and members of all the churches of this community, and to all others whose kindly hospitality we have received, not forgetting the choir and organist, whose excellent music has contributed so much to the success and enjoyment of our meetings, and also to the newspapers that have so liberally given us the use of their columns.

It is recommended that this resolution be inserted in the papers of Eureka.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. HUFFORD,
FRANK HEILMAN,
JOHN HOFFER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee to Visit Rev. L. C. Groseclose.

The following ministerial brethren met at the home of Father Groseclose, Sunday afternoon, and joined in celebrating the Holy Communion with him: Revs. R. B. Wolf, John A. Bright, B. F. Pugh, J. C. Jacoby, J. J. Chambers, and E. E. Stauffer.

At the conclusion of the Communion, Father Groseclose made a few very appropriate remarks, in which he spoke of the fact that his time here upon earth could not be long, and expressing a desire to be with his Lord. Father Groseclose entered the ministry in 1849, and is in his 85th year. Besides the ministers present were his aged wife, his daughter, and Mrs. John A. Bright.

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE.

It was moved that the Ministerium meet immediately after the close of this session.

Moved that the sum of $5.00 be appropriated for the services of the janitor.

Moved that the President and Secretary revise the Calendar to conform with the change in time.

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the members of this Synod who have been absent for two years or more without excuse, and inform them that, unless some satisfactory reason is given for their absence, their names will be dropped from the roll of Synod.

Minutes were read finally and approved.

Adjourned *sine die*, with prayer by the President of Synod.

SATURDAY EVENING.

On Saturday evening the Synod was addressed by Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., on "The Relation of the Seminary to the Sunday School," and by Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., on the subject of "Foreign Missions."

SUNDAY.

The various pulpits of the city were filled by the visiting pastors, as assigned by the Devotional Committee.

EZRA E. STAUFFER,
Secretary.

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, 4.30 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. Jacoby, D. D.

A number of subjects were discussed and the Examining Committee made a brief verbal report.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, with prayer by the Rev. C. N. Swihart.

E. E. STAUFFER,
Secretary.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

SATURDAY, 8 P. M.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting Saturday evening, October 22d, 1904, at which time the newly elected members, Rev. R. B. Wolf, Rev. E. E. Stauffer, and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., qualified.

Rev. R. B. Wolf was elected President and Rev. E. E. Stauffer, Secretary.

The officers of Synod were instructed to secure satisfactory bond from the Treasurer of Synod.

Adjourned.

E. E. STAUFFER,
Secretary.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer of th

Congregations and Charges.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasurer.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.
Abilene, Trinity	$5 85	$42 50	$39 60	$52 50	$64 00	$32 20	$23 40	$23 [illegible]
Atchison, St. Mark's	3 05	18 50	47 30	33 80	33 80	27 05	20 30	11 [illegible]
Barnes, Messiah	.....	50	3 00	2 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	.....
Beloit, Zion	.....	.....	24 55	9 20	9 57	5 00	6 25	.....
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	1 20	4 00	22 20	5 00	5 00	4 00	4 80	2 [illegible]
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	1 75	5 50	26 50	7 80	7 80	6 45	6 10	3 15
Bush City, Grace	1 40	2 40	6 90	4 80	3 80	3 25	2 70	1 [illegible]
Chapman, Ebenezer	90	3 00	8 40	6 00	6 00	4 80	3 60	2 [illegible]
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	90	3 00	20 56	7 48	3 05	4 80	3 00	2 [illegible]
Effingham, First	1 60	5 30	24 85	20 60	20 60	8 50	6 35	3 [illegible]
Emporia, St. Mark's	2 90	9 60	26 90	19 20	19 20	15 35	11 30	6 70
East Norway, Evangelical	2 90	9 60	26 90	19 20	19 20	15 35	11 30	6 70
Eureka, Christ	2 50	7 50	20 00	14 50	14 50	11 50	8 50	5 00
Glasco, St. Paul's	1 05	4 00	17 40	9 55	5 60	8 00	1 00	2 15
Garnett, St. Paul's	.....	1 40	5 00	.....	3 00	2 70	2 10	.....
Greenleaf, Trinity	50	75	7 50	4 00	4 00	6 00	3 75	1 00
Hays City, Trinity	2 00	6 30	17 73	12 60	12 60	10 10	7 55	4 40
Hutchinson, Zion	.....	.....	16 80	11 10	8 00	8 20	.....	.....
Jerico, Bethel	.....	.....	1 50	1 65	50	2 00	50	50
Jerico, St. James	.....	.....	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City, Mo., First	.....	2 60	16 89	15 00	24 25	10 00	7 00	.....
Kansas City, Mo., Grace	4 05	13 50	37 80	27 00	27 00	21 60	16 95	.....
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Mem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas City, Kan., First	.....	.....	5 14	.....	7 80	.....	.....	.....
Lawrence	4 05	13 50	37 80	27 00	27 00	21 60	16 20	9 45
Long Island, St. Paul's	.....	1 00	10 25	5 50	7 00	4 50	2 00	.....
Minneapolis, St. John's	1 50	5 00	15 59	6 45	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester, St. Paul's	.....	50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00
New Cambria, First	2 11	6 75	19 15	13 53	15 40	11 20	8 54	4 [illegible]
New Cambria, St. Paul's	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 53	1 00
Norcatur, St. Mark's	.....	.....	10 93	8 03	10 21	5 07	5 00	.....
Ottawa, St. Paul's	1 40	4 70	13 13	9 40	9 40	12 50	5 65	3 [illegible]
Oklahoma City, 20th Cen. Mission	1 50	5 00	14 00	10 00	12 50	8 00	6 00	3 [illegible]
Peabody, St. Paul's	5 35	18 50	52 00	50 00	37 00	29 60	22 20	11 [illegible]
Perth, St. James	2 10	7 00	27 30	20 00	14 00	15 30	8 40	5 [illegible]
Salina, St. John's	5 35	10 00	49 85	30 00	35 10	28 50	21 35	11 45
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	2 15	7 20	20 15	14 40	14 40	11 50	8 65	5 [illegible]
St. Joseph, Mo., First	4 65	16 00	43 40	5 00	5 00	24 80	5 00	5 00
St. James (near Abilene)	50	50	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00
Topeka, First	3 00	5 00	42 23	29 28	27 70	23 30	5 00	4 [illegible]
Valley Falls, St. Paul's	.....	.....	10 05	.....	8 40	6 30	.....	.....
Waterville, Evangelical	3 30	11 60	32 30	23 20	23 20	18 35	13 90	8 20
Waterville, Hebron	80	2 70	7 53	5 40	5 40	4 30	3 25	1 [illegible]
Waterville, Walnut Township	1 40	4 80	12 90	9 20	9 20	7 35	5 50	3 [illegible]
Wellington, St. John's	2 35	7 80	21 85	5 00	5 00	3 00	9 35	.....
Whitewater, Zion	2 70	8 90	24 90	18 75	17 80	19 25	10 80	6 25
Rev. John A. Bright	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midland College, Y. M. C. A	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. J. N. Zimmer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. S. Henry	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rev. Samuel Palmer	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals by Congregations	$80 66	$254 90	$862 87	$611 63	$569 42	$467 77	$308 19	$157 [illegible]
Balances on hand Oct. 15, 1903	2 38	198 04	167 41	57 68	123 37	179 44	183 42	105 [illegible]
Grand Totals	$83 04	$432 04	$1030 28	$669 31	$692 83	$647 21	$491 61	$262 [illegible]
Disbursed as per Vouchers	.....	303 96	1030 28	669 31	692 83	647 21	375 00	262 [illegible]
Balances on hand, Oct. 15, 1904	$83 04	$128 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	$116 61	.....

Kansas Synod for the Year Ending October 15, 1904.

Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Total Paid on Apportionment.	Amount Apportioned.	Excess Over Apportionment.	Deficit Under Apportionment.	Trexler Orphans' Home.	Nachusa Orphanage.	Twentieth Century Oklahoma Mission.	Midland College Library.	Kansas Synod Professorship.	Grand Total.
$13 65	$2 75	$292 12	$249 60	$42 52	.....	$5 50	.....	$10 00	.....	.....	$307 62
11 85	50	208 40	216 35	.....	$7 95	.....	$13 83	32 00	$8 96	.....	263 19
1 00	.....	11 02	23 05	.....	12 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 02
.....	.....	34 57	66 55	.....	31 98	.....	7 41	.....	3 00	.....	44 96
2 50	1 17	41 37	51 10	.....	9 83	7 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 70
3 15	2 95	61 55	73 55	.....	14 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	73 55
1 00	70	28 95	17 00	11 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 45
2 10	1 50	38 40	38 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 40
2 10	1 50	38 49	38 40	09	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	40 49
2 70	2 65	67 85	67 85	.....	.....	.....	3 70	5 00	.....	.....	76 55
6 70	4 80	122 85	122 75	10	.....	.....	6 35	10 00	2 10	.....	141 50
6 70	4 80	122 85	122 75	10	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	132 85
5 00	4 00	93 00	90 85	2 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 00
.....	2 00	51 55	131 85	.....	80 30	.....	12 15	.....	.....	.....	63 70
.....	.....	14 90	43 55	.....	28 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 80
3 00	1 22	32 72	48 05	.....	15 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 72
4 40	3 15	80 83	80 75	08	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	90 83
.....	.....	44 10	76 80	.....	32 70	.....	7 00	3 50	.....	.....	54 60
.....	50	7 25	28 15	.....	21 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	7 65
.....	.....	2 05	38 40	.....	36 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 05
5 50	7 50	88 74	192 00	.....	93 86	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	98 74
.....	.....	147 90	172 80	.....	24 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 90
.....	.....	.....	122 75	.....	122 75	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
.....	.....	12 94	72 95	.....	60 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 94
9 45	6 75	172 80	172 80	.....	.....	.....	15 50	15 00	4 40	.....	207 70
.....	.....	30 25	48 65	.....	18 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 25
.....	.....	28 54	64 00	.....	35 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 54
.....	.....	11 00	90 45	.....	9 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
3 53	3 85	88 16	98 55	.....	10 39	3 04	.....	5 00	.....	.....	96 90
.....	1 00	14 59	42 25	.....	27 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 59
.....	.....	39 24	53 75	.....	14 51	.....	7 82	.....	.....	.....	47 06
3 30	2 35	65 15	80 15	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	1 50	.....	76 65
2 50	2 50	66 50	64 00	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	67 50
12 95	9 25	292 00	236 80	55 20	.....	.....	21 04	10 00	5 88	.....	328 92
6 90	4 50	111 20	89 60	21 60	.....	.....	5 80	5 00	.....	.....	122 00
.....	.....	102 60	227 85	.....	35 25	.....	7 62	5 00	.....	.....	205 72
5 05	3 60	92 25	92 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 15
3 00	2 03	207 88	198 40	.....	90 52	.....	37 66	10 00	.....	.....	135 54
.....	.....	7 00	37 15	.....	30 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
.....	.....	129 31	266 25	.....	136 74	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	139 51
.....	.....	25 15	53 75	.....	28 60	.....	.....	2 50	1 35	.....	29 00
8 20	5 80	148 45	148 45	.....	.....	.....	12 90	15 00	2 35	.....	178 70
1 90	1 35	34 55	34 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 55
3 20	2 30	58 85	58 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	68 85
.....	.....	54 35	99 85	.....	45 50	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	54 35
6 25	4 50	120 20	114 00	6 20	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	130 20
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$139 48	$98 47	$3533 62	$4472 90	.....	$937 58	$16 37	$181 28	$207 50	$29 54	$5 00	$3989 31
89 37	80 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	58 05	*2 90	*5 00	1242 85
$228 85	$179 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	$21 37	$181 28	$265 55	$26 64	.....	$5232 16
228 85	179 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 37	181 28	265 55	26 64	.....	4884 43
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$347 73

* Overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted, H. L. HUMPHREY, *Treasurer.*

Correct.

J. H. BERLIN,
ROBERT ANDERSON,
F. D. ALTMAN,
} *Auditors.*

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

| Pastors' Names and Addresses. | Congregations, Names of. | Parochial. | | |

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Index Number.	Number of Schools.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Scholars.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members, including Juniors.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Local Objects.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Benevolence.	DUES. (General Synod.	DUES. Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE. Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Women's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	25	200	$152 51	$87 40	50	$30 00		$5 85	$19 50	$60 00	$51 00	$64 00	$81 00	$23 40	$106 55	$13 65	$5 90	$13 65	$9 75	$5 00	$419 45	$2942 97
2	1	29	149	117 57	79 16	30	25 00	83 50	5 05	16 00	47 35	9 20	33 60	27 60	20 30	87 39	11 85	13 83	11 85	4 15	1 50	333 56	2626 57
3	1	11	55	32 45	29 98	17	16 25		1 75		14 35	2 90	9 57	6 90	6 35			7 91		2 10		56 56	1002 17
4	1	9	36	44 00					1		11 20	11 60	8 60	6 40	7 10			7 32		2 70		45 70	225 83
5	1	12	55	39 55						3 60	16 35	6 70	5 60	9 40	3 60			14 00		3 00		59 55	807 30
6	1	9	51	35 65	6 00		2 00		1 00	3 60	10 45	7 40	5 60	4 40	3 60			3 00		2 10		35 45	246 74
7	1	8	36	33 77	12 75					3 60	10 45	6 70	5 60	4 40	3 60			3 00		2 10		41 95	281 74
8	1	11	117	82 45	3 85		7 00		2 00	9 00	26 80	18 20	15 20	11 20	9 10	25 91		8 50		6 70		29 60	251 63
9	1	11	39		63 44	30			2 00	7 20	26 80	18 20	15 20	11 20	9 10			8 50		6 70		29 60	251 63
10	1	11	75	60 45	36 65				1 00	4 50	17 40	11 75	9 50	7 00	5 75			5 00		4 00		35 25	241 81
11	1	10	43	36 55	12 00	44	4 25	1 50		4 50	17 40	11 75	9 50	7 00	5 75			5 00		4 00		35 25	241 81
12	1	10	55	36 55	17 00	16	4 00			4 50	17 40	11 75	9 50	7 00	5 75			5 00		4 00		35 25	241 81
13	1	10	49	25 30	3 65						1 50	1 00				25 91						28 41	241 81
14	1	19	125	29 15	23 82	50	200 00		1 00	4 50	18 40	12 75	10 50	8 00	6 75			6 00		5 00		37 25	600 70
15	1	13	70	73 19	18						7 00	4 75	4 50	3 00	2 75	26 41						38 41	1560 70
16	1	15	125	200 00		14		3 15			7 00	4 75	4 50	3 00	2 75	26 41						38 41	147 50
17	1	8	60	45 87			4 00	10 00		4 50	18 40	12 75	10 50	8 00	6 75			6 00		5 00		37 25	2647 50
18	1	21	241	241 15	38 00	24	49 00			4 00	17 40	11 75	9 50	7 00	5 75			5 00		4 00		35 25	1094 57
19	1	6	50	16 00						3 50	16 80	11 50	9 00	6 80	5 50	1 00	1 00	4 50		3 50		35 25	1538 57
20											2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00		1 00		11 00	160 00
21											1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			1 00		1 00		7 00	98 00

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	PAROCHIAL.																						Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.								Finances.						
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Baptized but Unconfirmed Membership.	Total Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.				
Minneapolis	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	23	15	38	$5000 00	$150 00	$235 00				
	St. John's	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	49	15	64	.....	.....	300 00				
Moray, F. D. Altman (Supply)	Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	..	12	1	4	5	8	..	12	..	1	99	43	142	3000 00	.....	449 87				
New Cambria, J. F. Cressler	New Cambria	1	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	47	122	4500 00	450 00	978 50				
	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	32	1000 00	.....	170 00				
Norcatur (Long Island), J. T. Miller	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	43	16	39	2500 00	.....	595 06				
	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	38	15	53	1200 00	.....	338 90				
Oklahoma City, O. T., William Kelly	First English	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	10	2	1	..	2	6	48	18	66	5000 00	2500 00	848 82				
Ottawa, B. F. Pugh	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	6	..	1	4	3	1	2	..	..	45	9	54	12000 00	500 00	2503 50				
Peabody, C. N. Swihart	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	11	1	3	2	8	2	3	5	..	190	30	220	6500 00	.....	1954 49				
Perth, J. J. Chambers	St. James	1	..	2	..	15	1	..	1	10	7	5	7	..	87	20	107	2500 00	.....	682 09				
Salina, C. E. Wirick	St. John's Eng. Luth.	1	..	2	..	12	2	1	11	10	2	9	4	..	178	45	223	15000 00	.....	1100 00				
Sedalia, Mo., J. C. Jacoby	Trinity Eng. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	..	1	12	2	..	1	2	..	62	..	62	7600 00	2750 00	740 84				
St. Joseph, Mo., B. R. Lantz	First Eng. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	10	4	4	..	10	6	12	12	..	177	40	217	15000 00	4000 00	1875 00				
Topeka, H. A. Ott	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	20	2	7	9	4	1	6	3	..	200	30	230	15000 00	.....	1380 00				
Vinland	St. John's	1													25	..	25	.....	.....	1500 00				
Waterville, J. B. Heisey	Evangelical Lutheran	1	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	4	4	1	5	2	129	49	178	4000 00	.....	520 00				
	Hebron	1							1	1					26	28	54	2500 00	.....	190 00				
	Eng. Evan. Lutheran	1	1	..	..	16	..	..	..	3	..	23	..	..	69	18	87	2500 00	.....	190 00				
Wellington, C. F. Schultz	St. John's	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	18	2	..	..	1	..	60	2	62	4800 00	300 00	1080 00				
Whitewater, E. H. Combs	Zion's	1	..	2	..	16	1	2	4	3	..	3	3	..	88	20	108	2300 00	100 00	556 65				
Haskell									4						10	..	10	.....	.....	.....				
Totals, 1904		48	3	42	5	252	42	81	220	134	54	164	107	22	3570	995	4453	$290200 00	$27180 77	$45512 14				
Totals, 1903		47	5	41	4	283	54	106	299	116	66	176	114	47	3410	1018	4425	272400 00	41625 00	38128 79				

Sunday Schools.			Y. P. Societies.		Dues.	Benevolence.																		
	Contributions.			Contributions.																				
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Respectfully submitted, C. N. SWIHART, E. H. COMBS.

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table for 1904-1905.

Congregations and Charges.	Membership.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for Aged.	Totals.
Per capita	....	.03	.10	.28	.20	.20	.16	.12	.07	.05	.07	.05	1.33
Abilene Trinity	185	$5 55	$18 50	$51 80	$37 00	$37 00	$29 60	$22 20	$12 95	$9 25	$12 95	$9 25	$246 05
Atchison, St. Mark's	169	5 05	16 90	47 30	33 80	33 80	27 05	20 30	11 85	8 45	11 85	8 45	224 80
Beloit, Zion's	60	1 80	6 00	16 80	12 00	12 00	9 60	7 20	4 20	3 00	4 20	3 00	79 80
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	30	90	3 00	8 40	6 00	6 00	4 80	3 60	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	39 90
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	45	1 35	4 50	12 60	9 00	9 00	7 20	5 40	3 15	2 25	3 15	2 25	59 85
Chapman, Ebenezer	30	90	3 00	8 40	6 00	6 00	4 80	3 60	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	39 90
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	30	90	3 00	8 40	6 00	6 00	4 80	3 60	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	39 90
Effingham, First Lutheran	61	1 85	6 10	17 10	12 20	12 20	9 75	7 30	4 25	3 05	4 25	3 05	81 10
Effingham (Valley Falls), St. Paul's	42	1 25	4 20	11 75	8 40	8 40	6 70	5 05	2 95	2 10	2 95	2 10	55 85
Emporia, St. Mark's	111	3 35	11 10	31 10	22 20	22 20	17 75	13 30	7 75	5 55	7 75	5 55	147 60
Eureka, Christ's	73	2 20	7 30	20 45	14 60	14 60	11 70	8 75	5 10	3 65	5 10	3 65	97 10
Garnett, St. Paul's	25	75	2 50	7 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	33 25
Garnett, Grace	14	40	1 40	3 90	2 80	2 80	2 25	1 70	1 00	70	1 00	70	18 65
Glasco, St. Paul's	113	3 40	11 30	31 65	22 60	22 60	18 10	13 55	7 90	5 65	7 90	5 65	150 30
Greenleaf, Trinity	45	1 35	4 50	12 60	9 00	9 00	7 20	5 40	3 15	2 25	3 15	2 25	59 85
Greenleaf (Barnes), Messiah	17	50	1 70	4 75	3 40	3 40	2 70	2 05	1 20	85	1 20	85	22 60
Hays City, Trinity	72	2 15	7 20	20 15	14 40	14 40	11 50	8 65	5 05	3 60	5 05	3 60	95 75
Hutchinson, Zion's	49	1 45	4 90	13 70	9 80	9 80	7 85	5 90	3 45	2 45	3 45	2 45	65 20
Jerico, Bethel	18	54	1 80	5 05	3 60	3 60	2 90	2 15	1 25	90	1 25	90	23 95
Jerico, St. James	30	90	3 00	8 40	6 00	6 00	4 80	3 60	2 10	1 50	2 10	1 50	39 90
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	147	4 40	14 70	41 15	29 40	29 40	23 50	17 65	10 30	7 35	10 30	7 35	195 50
Kansas City, Mo., Child'n's Mem'l	71	2 15	7 10	19 90	14 20	14 20	11 35	8 50	4 95	3 55	4 95	3 55	94 40
Kansas City, Mo., Grace	138	4 15	13 80	38 65	27 60	27 60	22 10	16 55	9 65	6 90	9 65	6 90	203 55
Kansas City, Kan., First Lutheran	50	1 50	5 00	14 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	3 50	2 50	3 50	2 50	66 50
Lawrence, English Lutheran	145	4 35	14 50	40 60	29 00	29 00	23 20	17 40	10 15	7 25	10 15	7 25	192 85
Manchester, St. Paul's	19	55	1 90	5 30	3 80	3 80	3 05	2 30	1 35	95	1 35	95	25 30

Apportionment Table for 1904-1905.—*Concluded.*

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Per capita	....	.03	.10	.28	.20	.20	.16	.12	.07	.05	.07	.05	1 33
Manchester (Banner City), St. James	28	$0 85	$2 80	$7 45	$5 60	$5 60	$4 50	$3 35	$1 95	$1 40	$1 95	$1 40	$37 25
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	23	70	2 30	6 45	4 60	4 60	3 70	2 75	1 60	1 15	1 60	1 15	30 60
Minneapolis, St. John's	49	1 45	4 90	13 70	9 80	9 80	7 85	5 90	3 45	2 45	3 45	2 45	65 20
Moray	99	2 95	9 90	27 70	19 80	19 80	15 85	11 90	6 95	4 95	6 95	4 95	131 70
Morrill, St. Paul's	17	50	1 70	4 75	3 40	3 40	2 70	2 05	1 20	85	1 20	85	22 60
New Cambria, New Cambria	75	2 25	7 50	21 00	15 00	15 00	12 00	9 00	5 25	3 75	5 25	3 75	99 75
New Cambria, St. Paul's	32	95	3 20	8 95	6 40	6 40	5 10	3 85	2 25	1 60	2 25	1 60	42 55
Norcatur, St. Mark's	43	1 30	4 30	12 05	8 60	8 60	6 90	5 15	3 00	2 15	3 00	2 15	57 20
Norcatur (Long Island), St. Paul's	38	1 15	3 80	10 65	7 60	7 60	6 10	4 55	2 65	1 90	2 65	1 90	50 55
Oklahoma City, First Eng. Luth.	48	1 45	4 80	13 45	9 60	9 60	7 70	5 75	3 35	2 40	3 35	2 40	63 85
Ottawa, St. Paul's	45	1 35	4 50	12 60	9 00	9 00	7 20	5 40	3 15	2 25	3 15	2 25	59 85
Peabody, St. Paul's	190	5 70	19 00	53 20	38 00	38 00	30 40	22 80	13 30	9 50	13 30	9 50	252 70
Perth, St. James	87	2 60	8 70	24 35	17 40	17 40	13 90	10 45	6 10	4 35	6 10	4 35	115 70
Salina, St. John's	178	5 35	17 80	49 85	35 60	35 60	28 50	21 35	12 45	8 90	12 45	8 90	236 75
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	62	1 85	6 20	17 35	12 40	12 40	9 90	7 45	4 35	3 10	4 35	3 10	82 45
St. Joseph, Mo., First Eng. Luth.	177	5 30	17 70	49 55	35 40	35 40	28 30	21 25	12 40	8 85	12 40	8 85	235 40
Topeka, First Lutheran	200	6 00	20 00	56 00	40 00	40 00	32 00	24 00	14 00	10 00	14 00	10 00	266 00
Vinland, St. John's	25	75	2 50	7 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	33 25
Waterville, Evangelical Lutheran	129	3 85	12 90	36 10	25 80	25 80	20 65	15 50	9 05	6 45	9 05	6 45	171 60
Waterville, Hebron	26	80	2 60	7 30	5 20	5 20	4 15	3 10	1 80	1 30	1 80	1 30	34 55
Waterville (Walnut Twp.), English Lutheran	69	2 05	6 90	19 30	13 80	13 80	11 05	8 30	4 85	3 45	4 85	3 45	91 80
Wellington, St. John's	60	1 80	6 00	16 80	12 00	12 00	9 60	7 20	4 20	3 00	4 20	3 00	79 80
Whitewater, Zion's	88	2 65	8 80	24 65	17 60	17 60	14 10	10 55	6 15	4 40	6 15	4 40	117 05
Haskell	10	30	1 00	2 80	2 00	2 00	1 60	1 20	70	50	70	50	13 30
Total	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	$4790 85

Adopted. Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM KELLY, J. J. CHAMBERS, A. T. OLSON.

DIRECTORY, 1904-1905.

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Home Department—Miss ANNA LEIDIGH, Hutchinson, Kan.
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German—Mrs. CARL KRUEGER, Atchison, Kan.
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AUXILIARY SOCIETIES AND DATES OF ORGANIZATION.

Northeast Conference.

Atchison	1885
East Norway	1881
Effingham	1893
Kansas City (First Church)	1884
Kansas City (Memorial)	1884
Kansas City, Kan.	1904
Lawrence	1886
Leavenworth	1892
Ottawa	1885
Topeka	1880

Northwest Conference.

Abilene	1880
Bunker Hill	1898
Hebron	1879
Minneapolis	1895
New Cambria	1888
Salina	1882
Waterville	1879

Southwest Conference.

Emporia	1885
Eureka	1898
Hutchinson	1889
Oklahoma City	1903
Peabody	1885
Perth	1894
Whitewater	1902
Wellington	1889

MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

SYNOD OF KANSAS,

HELD IN

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, EUREKA, KANSAS,
OCTOBER 20 AND 21, 1904.

FIRST SESSION.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Kansas met in annual session in the Congregational Church, Eureka, Kan., October 20th, 1904, at 9 o'clock A. M., with the following officers present:

President—Mrs. Thomas L. Bond, Salina, Kan.

Vice-President—Mrs. John Hoffer, Emporia, Kan.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Herbert L. Humphrey, Abilene, Kan.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. Zimmerman, Emporia, Kan.

Historian—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Kan.

The devotional service was conducted by Miss Leidigh.

The business session was opened by the President, Mrs. T. L. Bond.

Mrs. D. H. Cramer, of Eureka, extended to the delegates and visitors a cordial welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. R. B. Wolf, of Kansas City, Kan.

The following delegates presented their credentials at roll call:

Abilene—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. H. L. Humphrey.

Atchison—Mrs. J. P. Adams.

Emporia—Mrs. D. B. Seward, Mrs. Walter Stowe.

Eureka—Mrs. Erickson.

Hutchinson—Miss Anna Leidigh, Mrs. J. K. Rizer.

Kansas City, Kan.—Mrs. R. B. Wolf.

Lawrence—Mrs. E. E. Stauffer.

Peabody—Miss Myrtle Holler, Mrs. A. Bender.

Perth—Mrs. Servis.

Oklahoma City—Mrs. William Kelly.

Topeka—Mrs. H. A. Ott, Mrs. Belle Bright.

Whitewater—Mrs. M. A. Acker.

Singing, "The morning light is breaking."

President's Address.

My dear Co-Laborers: The occasion which draws us together at this time is an annual event, the closing act in the work of the Synodical year 1903 and 1904.

We may well rejoice to-day that this organization has continued to live and thrive year after year until now it has attained the age of twenty-four years. It has not always been easy to keep the Synodical work in active operation, but the difficulties which have arisen have been surmounted, and to-day those who were present when the organization was effected can look back over the intervening years with justifiable pride. We may not claim great achievements,

but we can say we have faithfully striven to be loyal and earnest in the performance of the duties assigned us.

We can rejoice over our own success, and join with many others in being glad that, by the united effort of the women of the General Synod Lutheran Church, missions have been established in both the home and foreign field. This great movement, so auspiciously inaugurated, will continue to develop into still larger proportions as the years go by. Who can estimate the influence for good which emanates from the Missionary Society?

As the morning dewdrops glisten and shine upon every little blade of grass and refresh the plant by giving moisture, thus nourishing and developing it in strength of stalk and beauty of blossom, so the Missionary Society, quietly working, everywhere blesses the church and the world. The many little Auxiliary Societies existing all over the country shine in the Church as the drops of dew on the landscape. They foster and promote Christian character, and develop earnest, capable workers, who superintend the work at home or go forth into foreign fields to sow the seed of the Gospel, that rich harvests of precious souls may be gathered into the heavenly kingdom. The smaller and weaker societies should not be discouraged because their numbers are few, but should rather be stimulated by thoughts of the many who are working hand in hand with them in other places.

This Synodical Society is neither very large nor strong, but it is a component of an organization that is both large and vigorous. In order to become a more potent force we must read more extensively. To learn to read is one of the first requirements of the school child. This acquirement is the key with which he unlocks the vast stores of wisdom the world contains. To learn to read is likewise a requisite of the Missionary Society. It were useless to expect an organization to live and flourish without the food upon which it must subsist. The active society is the one that reads and studies missionary literature. First, there must be knowledge of the various phases of the denominational work with which one is connected; then there should be additional information of the work being done by other denominations in their fields of labor.

The truly interested missionary worker strives to master details of effort put forth by her own society, in order that she may intelligently co-operate in all the plans and methods employed in extending the Master's kingdom. The organization of which we are a part does not confine its labors to the home-land, but, as its name indicates, operates in foreign fields as well. This necessitates the study of foreign countries, people, and customs, and compels us to read books and magazines containing information upon these subjects. It is unnecessary to add that the knowledge thus gained broadens one's views and creates an ardent longing to be of service to humanity.

OUR SYNODICAL WORK.

The reports for the past year in this society are quite encouraging. Taking a view of the work as a whole, I think we may safely say that it is in a good

and prosperous condition, not all we might desire, of course, but still very gratifying. In some of the Auxiliary Societies increased interest in the regular monthly meetings and the work has been apparent throughout the year. In others there has been a renewal of purpose and energy. In a few instances conditions are not so promising, but these are the exception. In two of our societies faithful Presidents have been honored and their valuable services recognized by being presented with certificates of life membership in the General Society.

I am delighted to be able to anticipate the Treasurer in one item, and tell you that a little more has been contributed this year than is required for the support of bed in India Hospital. I know you will all rejoice in this information.

Some confusion has existed in regard to the Thank-offering and Jubilee Funds, some thinking that the two are to be combined. This misapprehension has been a partial cause for our failure to raise the apportionment for the Jubilee Fund. During the next five months, which close the fiscal year of the General Society, we shall have to keep this object constantly before us, and make strenuous efforts to bring liberal donations into this fund.

NEW DEPARTMENTS.

At the Executive Committee meeting, held after the St. Joseph Convention, Synodical Secretaries were appointed for the new departments that had been created, but some of the ladies appointed were unable to serve, which necessitated changes in all departments but that of the Thank-offering. Two departments—the Young People's and Band—were combined, and but one Secretary appointed to oversee that work. Mrs. Helen C. Beegle was the unanimous choice of the committee, and she would gladly have served had not her duties at Midland College compelled her to resign. Mrs. J. P. Burtis kindly consented to accept the office, resigning the position of Secretery of the Home Department in order to do so. Miss Anna Leidigh was appointed to take charge of the Home Department instead of Mrs. Burtis. These ladies have all served acceptably in their respective capacities throughout the year.

One of the new departments is that of the Thank-offering. This has the superintendance of that part of the work which seeks to cultivate and arouse a lively appreciation of the daily blessings bestowed by the Divine Giver. The thank-offering, no matter how small, is the visible token of valuation placed upon the mercies bestowed by the hand of our heavenly Father. That it is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord and come before Him with thank-offerings is exemplified in many homes by the frequent dropping of offerings into the little boxes provided for that purpose. By the constant use of this means of grace we develop a more Christ-like dependence upon the Father, and are spiritually strengthened.

NEW SOCIETIES.

We have the pleasure of extending a hearty welcome to three new societies —one at Waterville and two at Kansas City, Kan. The two at the latter place belong to Trinity Church, the new mission which has been placed upon the roll of Woman's Missions by the General Society. The fact that this mission is located on Kansas soil should stimulate the members of this Synodical Society to very active interest in its progress and growth.

The General Society has often asked us for contributions to missions both east and west of Kansas, but this is the first opportunity they have given us to aid one within the bounds of this Synod. We shall now have the happy privilege of assisting a promising work upon our own soil. It should prove an inspiration to us and be a near-by object lesson which should lead to a higher estimate of the work of the General Society and greater fidelity on our part in the support of the special objects presented from time to time.

We have some new workers with us to-day for the first time. They are new only in the sense of being comparative strangers to us, but not to the mission work of our Church—both have labored in other Synods before their removal to this. We extend to them a warm welcome, and express the hope that they may find in this part of the Master's vineyard kind friends, happy homes, and a wide field of usefulness.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

When this Synodical Society next assembles in convention it will doubtless celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. I recommend that plans be laid before the adjournment of this convention which shall outline the course to be pursued by those who shall have charge of the matter.

I could not close this address and my work as Synodical President without a few words of gratitude to all my co-laborers in this Synod. While the position imposes many responsibilities, it is not lacking in compensations. The kindly co-operation of all the officers and their ready willingness to render assistance has lightened the burden and lessened the labor.

In these recent years of service for this society I have found new workers where old friends formerly labored, but they have not been less kind and helpful than former associates. I am glad to have been permitted to work with you during the past two years and regret the severance of the pleasant relations which have existed.

For my successor I bespeak the same kindly co-operation and gracious helpfulness that has been extended to me. I trust future years may witness growth and development in this society, and that harmony and sweet fellowship may continue to prevail.

May the beneficent influences of this organization, expanding in ever-widening circles, cheer, help, and inspire all to whom they extend.

Respectfully submitted, ALICE G. BOND.

The Vice-Presidents' Reports were given.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

Two new societies have been formed—one a Woman's and the other a Young People's. We now number in all *twenty-eight* societies.

Eight of the Woman's Societies report an increase in membership, ten a decrease, two the same number, and the new society a membership of twelve. The increase is greater that the decrease, so, on the whole, it is not a step backward.

Ten societies report an increase in *Journal* subscriptions, five a decrease, two the same, three do not report, and the new society reports three.

The fact that three societies each can report a new life member ought to stimulate others to go and do likewise.

The average attendance varies, but does not come up to the standard which we ought to attain. When the attendance has been so fluctuating and the increase of members next to nothing, you will be surprised to learn that there has been a decided increase in money raised.

Now, let me urge the importance of careful and correct reports from the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries. Remember that the standing of your society in both the Synodical and General Society rests upon these reports which you render. Fill out every item according to directions printed upon the blanks. It is necessary that this plan be followed every quarter (not occasionally). Ascertain the exact amount of money from your Auxiliary Treasurer and report the same. It gives me great pleasure this year to let the convention know of the progress along this line.

The women are learning the importance of accuracy, and out of the twenty-one Woman's Societies I can report eighteen as not having made a mistake the whole year, and let me add that these reports are coming in on time. The time is not far distant when the Synodical Corresponding Secretary and the Synodical Treasurer are not going to have to compare notes before sending their reports to headquarters.

Let me ask for the sake of my successor that you hold on to an efficient Corresponding Secretary. It is a mistake to let her go for the sake of passing the honor around. Most (I do not say all) of the most carefully prepared reports have come from those societies that are not changing this officer every year.

This concludes my report. While it has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity, still I gladly lay down the burden of the work, grateful to you for your cheerful co-operation and bespeaking similar courtesies to my successor.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. ZIMMERMAN.

(For Statistical Report, see page 51.)

Report of Treasurer was read by Mrs. J. Hoffer. (See page 52.)

Number.	Woman's Societies.	Organized.	Name and Address of Corresponding Secretary.	Membership. Total, not including Life Members.	Active.	Honorary.	Cradle Roll.	Life.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Time of Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Presidents.	Total Amount Sent to Synodical Treasurer, not including Synodical Fee.	Grand Totals.
1	Abilene	1880	Mrs. H. L. Humphrey	29	29	..	..	1	32	....	2d Tuesday	18	Mrs. O. J. Peters	$66 00	$99 18
2	Atchison	1885	Mrs. B. O. Running, 811 N. 10th St.	22	22	..	..	2	15	....	1st Thursday	10	Mrs. H. L. Yarger	66 73	84 44
3	Emporia	1885	Mrs. L. J. Myser, 715 Exchange St.	26	22	4	..	..	22	....	1st Wednesday	7	Mrs. Henry Zimmerman	39 41	55 86
4	Eureka	1898	Mrs. D. H. Cramer	12	8	4	..	..	11	....	1st Wednesday	6	Mrs. M. L. Erickson	10 20	19 00
5	Hanover	1903	Mrs. Mary Runge	33	33	..	..	..	....	....	.....	14	Mrs. Mary Pannbacker	19 26	24 76
6	Hebron	1879	Mrs. L. E. Rice, Waterville, Kan., R. F. D. No. 1	10	8	2	..	..	22	....	2d Thursday	5	Mrs. Sarah Kistler	22 05	31 35
7	Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Julia Little, 413 W. 6th St.	12	12	..	..	..	12	....	1st Thursday	6	Mrs. J. Kent Rizer	23 35	31 72
8	Kansas City, Mo., First	1884	Mrs. F. M. Ziegler, 2201 Holmes St.	21	21	..	..	1	14	....	1st Thursday	12	Mrs. H. George	26 40	30 40
9	Kansas City, Memorial	1884	Miss Louise Georges, 585 Forest Ave.	7	5	2	..	1	....	....	2d Sunday	6	Miss Hester Sappenfield	11 40	21 73
10	Kansas City, Kan	1904	Mrs R. B. Wolf, 728 Tauromee Ave.	12	12	..	..	..	3	....	1st Wednesday	6	Mrs. P. D. Schall	1 10	2 30
11	Lawrence	1886	Mrs. Amelia Wolcott, 940 Kentucky St.	15	15	..	..	1	10	....	1st Friday	10	Mrs. Charles Ziesenis	29 00	47 50
12	Minneapolis	1885	Mrs. C. A. Harbaugh	8	8	..	..	1	....	....	1st Wednesday	8	Mrs. Mary Bardonnar	8 00	13 30
13	Moray	1881	Mrs. C. O. Turkleson	20	20	..	..	2	20	....	1st Thursday	14	Mrs. Oscar Nelson	67 00	92 49
14	Oklahoma City	1903	Mrs. A. Goodholm, 211 E. 4th St.	14	14	..	..	..	14	....	1st Tuesday	8	Mrs. William Kelly	18 60	24 60
15	Ottawa	1885	Mrs. B. F. Pugh, 414 Ash St.	20	7	3	..	..	20	25	1st Wednesday	8	Mrs. A. G. Eggers	26 25	31 20
16	Peabody	1885	Mrs. Josephine Furst	22	22	..	..	..	25	....	1st Wednesday	7	Mrs. C. N. Swihart	123 08	137 46
17	Perth	1902	Mrs. Frank Servis	17	17	..	..	..	15	....	1st Saturday	11	Mrs. J. J. Chambers	11 45	15 45
18	Salina	1882	Mrs. M. A. Nothstein	20	20	..	..	2	11	....	2d Thursday	12	Mrs. C. E. Wirick	45 06	71 11
19	Topeka	1881	Mrs. George Sherer, 127 Tyler St.	23	23	..	..	5	18	....	1st Wednesday	10	Mrs. H. A. Ott	51 80	68 00
20	Waterville	1879	Miss Ada Livers	21	18	3	..	2	13	....	2d Saturday	8	Mrs. I. B. Heisey	40 75	58 40
21	Whitewater	1885	Mrs. Minnie Beans, Annelly, Kan.	15	15	..	..	..	9	....	2d Wednesday	8	Mrs. M. A. Acker	12 30	24 30
	Totals			359	341	18	..	28	264	25					
	Young People's Societies.														
1	Midland College, Atchison	1902	Miss Ethel Woods	10	10	..	..	..	1	....	1st Sunday	9	Miss Pearl Treitschke	8 81	13 79
2	Kansas City, Kan	1904	Miss Mabelle Blomquist, 624 Everett Ave.	10	10	3	..	..	....	....	2d Saturday	8	Miss Elmora Gauch	2 15	3 15
3	Salina	1903	Miss Marian Steck	26	26	..	..	..	....	....	2d Sunday	15	Miss Bessie Crisman	1 45	1 45
	Totals			36	36	3	..	..	1	....					
	Mission Bands.														
1	Atchison	1890	Mrs. Howard Schauer, Assistant Superintendent	65	58	..	7	..	....	60	2d Saturday	....	Mrs. H. M. Jackson, Supt.	7 20	7 20
2	Emporia	1894	Miss Mary Altman	25	25	..	..	..	....	48	2d Sunday	25	Mrs. Henry Zimmerman	1 95	1 95
3	Lawrence	1887	Oscar Olson, 919 Alabama St.	82	66	..	16	..	....	50	2d Sunday	35	Miss Clara Hase	43 10	43 10
4	Peabody	1903		....	....	..	..	..	....	25		....		....	....
	Totals			172	149	..	23	..	....	208		....		773 15	1055 01
	Individual		Mrs Ira Fleck, Russell, Kan.	....	....	..	..	..	....	....		....		10 00	10 00
	Grand Totals													$783 15	$1065 01

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY ZIMMERMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report of Treasurer, Kansas Synodical W. H. and F. M. Society, for the Year Ending September 20, 1904.

Names of Societies.	Synodical Fees.	Jubilee Fund.	General Fund.	Life Membership.	Thank Offering.	North Beach, Cal.	Rensselaer, N. Y.	Columbus, Ohio.	Santa Barbara, Cal.	Support of Girl in Africa.	Support of Native Helper in Africa.	Support of Girl in India.	Support of Beds in Woman's Hospital in India.	Redlands, Cal.	Totals.
Balance	$23 12														$23 12
Collection at St. Joseph, Mo.	10 48														10 48
Abilene	2 60	23 50	28 00	10 00	18 00	2 50		2 50					5 00		92 10
Atchison	1 60	20 62	31 30	10 00	12 43	3 00	1 00	2 00					6 50	1 00	36 94
Emporia	1 30	9 00	16 25		16 80	1 75		55					3 25	1 13	49 71
Eureka	80	5 50	10 20												16 50
Hanover	1 00		12 11										7 15		20 26
Hebron	80	6 00	23 05		5 50	1 00		90					1 60		28 85
Hutchinson	1 20	4 00	25 05		2 70			2 28					3 32		38 55
Kansas City, Mo., First Church			26 40												26 40
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial	60	6 46	9 65		50								1 25		18 46
Kansas City, Kan.	1 20		1 10												2 30
Lawrence	1 50	9 00	17 00		12 00										39 50
Moray		20 00	23 50		5 50	5 00		5 00					12 00		71 00
Minneapolis	30		5 00		1 00								2 00		8 30
Ottawa	95	2 00	16 50		8 50								1 25		29 20
Oklahoma			18 60												18 60
Perth			11 45												11 45
Peabody	2 50	13 88	30 40		8 00	4 40		5 14	5 24	25 00	30 00		5 00		129 46
Salina	1 05	20 00	24 50		11 06	1 50		5 00					3 00		66 11
Topeka	2 30	7 00	32 20		10 00	2 00	3 00	2 00					3 00		60 50
Waterville	1 50	12 25	18 25	10 00	8 20	1 00		1 80					1 50		54 50
Whitewater	2 00	11 00	10 30										2 00		25 30
Mrs. Ira S. Fleck, Russell, Kan.			5 00			5 00									10 00
Atchison, Young Ladies		2 73	5 70		3 11										11 54
Emporia, Mission Band			1 95												1 95
Lawrence, Mission Band			18 10												43 10
Atchison, Mission Band			4 10									25 00	3 00		7 10
Salina, Young People			1 45												1 45
Kansas City, Kan., Young People	1 00		2 15												3 15
Total Receipts	$63 80	$260 93	$408 26	$30 00	$122 56	$27 15	$4 00	$27 17	$5 24	$25 00	$30 00	$25 00	$60 32	$2 13	$991 56
Total Disbursements	44 15		408 26	30 00	122 56	27 15	4 00	27 17	5 24	25 00	30 00	25 00	60 32	2 13	811 30
Cash on hand September 20, 1904	$19 65	$260 93													$180 26

Respectfully submitted,

Historian's Report.

Another year with its joys and sorrows has passed into history, and we are again permitted to meet in this, the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention to review the work of the past and look forward for greater and better work in the year to come.

I have added to the historical collection the *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies* for 1904, Minutes and Programme of the Convention at St. Joseph, Mo.; items from the Church papers and clippings of missionary intelligence from magazines, etc., have been added to the scrap-book.

The following names have been reported as life members: Mrs. I. B. Heisey, Waterville, Kan.; Mrs. O. J. Peters, Abilene, Kan. Total number of life members, 9.

No deaths reported. If any have been bereaved by the passing away of loved ones, we extend to them our tender, loving sympathy.

The history of another year's work is closed. What of the future? Great demands are upon us. Let us rally to the work and the pages will grow brighter as the years go by.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS.

Report of Committee on Box-work.

We, the Box-work Committee, have solicited from each of the Auxiliary Societies for this work. The responses have been gratifying, indeed. The following societies have reported:

Abilene	$7 00
Atchison	7 00
Effingham	1 00
Emporia	7 00
Eureka	3 50
Hutchinson	3 50
Kansas City, Kan.	1 00
Lawrence	5 50
Lawrence Mission Band	3 00
Moray	5 00
Minneapolis	3 00
New Cambria	2 50
Ottawa	2 30
Peabody	9 78
Kansas City, Memorial	2 85
Perth	2 50
Salina	7 00
Topeka	8 00
Watervillle	4 00
Whitewater	3 00
Wellington	5 00
Hanover	4 00

Oklahoma City	$5 00
Mrs. Ella Beegle	5 00
Midland College Young People's Society	1 65
Total amount of goods	$56 78
Total amount of cash	52 30
Grand total for box-work	$109 08

Respectfully submitted, MRS. JOHN HOFFER,
Chairman of Committee.

Report of Literature Committee.

Your Committee on Literature beg leave to report as follows:

Orders for *Mission Studies* were received from the following Auxiliaries: Moray, 1; Peabody, 1; Ottawa, 1; Lawrence, 1; Topeka, 1; Atchison, 6; Hutchinson, 2; Salina, 2; Waterville, 1; Waterville (Hebron), 1; Emporia, 2; Minneappolis, 1; Abilene, 3; Whitewater, 1; Perth, 3; Kansas City (First Church), 1; Eureka, 4; total, 32.

Orders for Tracts were received from the following societies: Waterville (Hebron), Abilene, Atchison (2), Topeka, Peabody, Emporia, Salina, Waterville, Ottawa, Eureka, Kansas City (Memorial), Perth, Moray, Kansas City (First Church), Lawrence, Whitewater, Oklahoma City; total, 18.

I also sent out a number of free Tracts each month to congregations not organized, and over 500 Mite Boxes have been distributed during the year. It is encouraging to know that there is a greater demand for more literature, and an increase of interest over any previous year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Cash on hand October 1st, 1903	$2 74
By appropriation	5 00
For sale of literature at St. Joseph	2 95
For 32 *Mission Studies*	8 00
For 18 Tracts	4 50
For subscriptions to 7 *Missionary Journals*	1 75
For 2 copies "Rex Christus"	40
Total	$25 34

Disbursements.

To Miss A. K. Dosh, 32 *Mission Studies*	$8 00
To Miss A. K. Dosh, literature	2 95
To Miss A. K. Dosh, Tracts	3 03
To Miss S. M. Protzman, Tracts	2 90
To The Lutheran Publication Society, 7 subscriptions to *Missionary Journal*	1 75
For postage, stationery, postoffice orders	4 44
Balance on hand October 1st, 1904	2 27
Total	$25 34

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS,
Chairman of Literature Committee.

A letter from Miss Laura Wade Rice, urging greater effort in obtaining subscriptions to the *Children's Missionary* was read, also a communication from the society at Moray, Kan.

It was moved and carried that the Reports of Delegates on Methods of Work be taken up and the Department Reports be given in place of Delegates' Reports, Friday morning.

After Reports of Delegates, Rev. F. D. Altman, D.D., of Atchison, led in prayer, and dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Bender, of Peabody.

Minutes read and approved.

The following Convention Committees were appointed by the President:

Resolutions—Mrs. J. P. Adams, Mrs. E. E. Stauffer, Mrs. Walter Stowe.

Officers' Reports—Mrs. H. A. Ott, Mrs. A. Bender, Miss Anna Leidigh.

Papers—Mrs. William Kelly, Mrs. Servis, Mrs. Belle Bright.

New Departments—Mrs. John Hoffer, Mrs. M. A. Acker.

Literature and Box-work—Mrs. J. Kent Rizer, Miss Myrtle Holler, Mrs. D. B. Seward.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. Pace.

To Assist Mrs. Hoffer, Box Packing—Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Erickson.

Reporters.

Observer—Mrs. William Kelly.

Evangelist—Mrs. O. J. Peters.

World—Mrs. J. P. Adams.

Journal—Mrs. R. B. Wolf.

Abstract of Mrs. Peters' Paper.

"Jubilee Fund."

Is it not fitting that at the close of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society we should bring in this "Silver Offering?"

Let us turn backward just for a few moments and then count our blessings. Twenty-four years ago six ladies met in Lawrence in faith and prayer and organized the Kansas Synodical Society, and now as we reflect upon the history of these twenty-four years and think of the work we attempted for God, and then consider what we have accomplished, are we not led to lift up our hearts in gratitude and praise to Him for the part He has given us in the extension of His kingdom?

I have faith to believe that the 361 members in our Auxiliaries will at the close of the present biennium have paid their full quota per member and send our Synodical Delegate to Springfield rejoicing.

Every Missionary Society is a nucleus of unsuspected power. Its history is like that of a little rill, a mere thread of silver, scarce parting the grass as it flows forth from the hidden spring. So tiny that a thirsty creature might drink it dry, still it flows on and on, cleansing and beautifying the land as it joins the mystic sea.

A Synopsis of the Paper by Mrs. H. Zimmerman.

"Increased Membership and Journal Subscriptions."

The fact that the membership of the Missionary Societies has not kept pace with the increase of the membership in the Synod is a fact that calls for faith, for prayer, for consecration—a fact that ought to stir to greater zeal and effort. We all want an increase in membership, but we must realize that that is not forthcoming unless, we, with God's help, bring it to pass. We must all be standard-bearers—active, alert, aggressive—and ready always to give a reason why we believe in this work. If interested and earnest, we will pray for, talk and work for, and give to missions.

Journal subscriptions sustain a relation to the membership. An increase in the number of *Journals* taken should logically result in an increase of membership; for does not an increase of information stimulate interest? Is it not worth while then to labor to place a *Journal* in every home of the congregation?

Remember, then, if we are going to increase our membership and *Journal* subsciptions, we must be in earnest ourselves, attend all the meetings of our society, do personal work among the lukewarm and indifferent, and get a *Journal* into every home. I doubt not, if we conform to these conditions, we shall be more than pleased with the results.

The Informal Conference with Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, Delaware, Ohio, Secretary of the General Executive Committee, was an instructive discussion of our special objects and the work in India and Africa.

After a Map Exercise on India by Mrs. H. L. Humphrey,

Rev. L. P. Ludden, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the convention.

Mrs. Shaffer led in prayer, and the meeting was dismissed.

THIRD SESSION.

The session was held in Christ's Lutheran Church, Thursday evening, Mrs. Bond presiding.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. R. B. Wolf, President of the Synod.

After a vocal trio, Mrs. Bond introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Shaffer, who addressed the audience in a short review of the work and the needs of our Home and Foreign Missions, and the needs of the Jubilee Fund.

An anthem was rendered by the choir.

Miss Lucy Porter, of Eureka, gave a reading.

The offering amounted to $13.34.

After a vocal solo by Mr. Barger, and announcements, Rev. R. B. Wolf pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. E. E. Stauffer.

Minutes read and approved.

Department Reports.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND BAND WORK.

As State Secretary of "Young People's and Band Work," I rejoice in the work accomplished during the year. Three thriving societies have reported, of which we are sure, and with probable assistance of others.

We feel the young people are enriched and broadened by cultivating the missionary spirit, and those who have not this privilege are debarred from many blessings.

About one-third of the letters concerning the work have been answered. If there could be a more hearty co-operation on the part of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, much more might be accomplished, and yet many churches feel that they have all the societies they are able to support.

We think it better to have *one* thriving society than two weakly ones. A worker in the field has the advantage over one who can only write letters, personal work and contact exert the greatest influence.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. P. BURTIS.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

I am very sorry that I have no decided progress to report in the Home Department. Letters were sent to all societies in the early part of April urging the necessity of the work and organization. Various societies responded endorsing the work, but unable to take it up on account of Home Department work in the Sunday school. A few societies appointed Secretaries for the work. Topeka reported two Home Department members, one becoming active. I would recommend that we continue to push the Home Department work by circulating missionary literature among the women that are not in connection with the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted, MISS ANNA LEIDIGH.

THANK-OFFERING DEPARTMENT.

Of all the objects toward which we contribute in our Missionary Society we believe there is none which is looked forward to with as much pleasure as the thank-offering. We presume the reason for this is because of the manner in which these offerings are made. It has become so well understood among our women that they now expect and think it a privilege to make this annual thank-offering. We feel under great obligations to the General Executive Committee for furnishing us with the mite boxes and services to be used in our public meetings, free of charge. We feel that this daily making of a small offering to our Master for His loving kindness toward us has been a great blessing to us all. True, we have not made a much larger offering in dollars and cents this year than we did last, but, when we consider that with each penny or nickel has gone up a prayer to our heavenly Father, it means much more than just the gift itself.

We do not feel that we should confine these gifts to just the members of our Missionary Society, but that we should aim to place our little mite boxes in as many of the homes as possible, that all may be blessed in making these gifts as well as receiving great benefits themselves.

In looking after our work as Secretary during the year, we have written letters to each society urging them to appoint a Secretary in their own society. We have had 12 appointed. These have reported to me in regard to their work. The most of our societies have used the mite boxes in which to collect the offering. Quite a number have held public meetings, using the services or having a sermon preached. Some report that they never had so large an offering. As our services and boxes were sent out so late last year, we could not hope for such large results, but we think that our next thank-offering meet-

ing in November will show that all our societies are very much interested in this work and we trust the offering will be a good one.

The total amount last year was $117.50 and this year $122.96, only an increase of $5.46. Eight of our societies show an increase, while six are not so good as last year. We have sent out the record cards to all the societies, but they were not generally adopted. If they were thoroughly understood, we think they would stimulate our giving.

We are so forgetful of God's benefits toward us, that these little cards would serve to remind us at the close of the year, or whenever we would open our boxes, of how many blessings are daily showered upon us. Let us give them a fair trial, and let us all see if we cannot make the coming thank-offering one which will be acceptable to our Master.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. LYDIA A. OTT.

GERMAN.

Circumstances have favored me in the way of personally meeting quite a number of our German pastors to whom I could present the importance of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society organizations among the German congregations of our Western Synods. To such I explained the work, gave them of the tracts, copies of the Constitution (translated copies), etc., and asked them to correspond with me if they desired any further information.

Our German people are interested in missions, and every congregation tries to have at least, once a year, a missionary celebration.

The missionary spirit our women have. But to effect woman's organizations that will join with the Synodical Society—that is where we run up against obstacles. Our German women are usually timid in matters of this kind, and very often in the rural charges it is very difficult to find a woman for the secretaryship sufficiently at home in the English language to carry on the necessary correspondence with the Synodical officers.

Owing to the peculiar situation, the growth of Woman's Missionary Societies among our German congregations in this territory will proceed slowly. The entering wedge has been driven. It is a season of sowing, and we must not grow weary of doing and praying, trusting to our heavenly Father for results.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. CARL KRUEGER.

Rev. H. H. Hall, D. D., of Chapman, as representative, brought greetings from the Synod and extended an invitation to print the minutes of the Missionary Convention with the minutes of the Synod.

Moved and carried that the Missionary Society accept the invitation of the Synod to print the minutes with those of the Synod.

Rev. C. W. Sifferd, D. D., of Ottawa, addressed the convention.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

WHEREAS, We have been permitted to assemble in this Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, we would acknowledge the goodness of God's mercy which has been with us during the year.

WHEREAS, It is with gratitude we notice the interest and steady growth of different departments of the work; therefore, be it

1. *Resolved*, That we show our appreciation of many blessings by a renewed consecration of ourselves to the work.

2. *Resolved*, That we have been greatly blessed and helped by the presence of Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio, Secretary of the General Executive Committee, and Rev. Luther P. Ludden, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

3. *Resolved*, That with sorrow we learn of the death of Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Treasurer of the General Society that we rejoice in her memory, so full of inspiration to us all.

4. *Resolved*, That we regret the loss by removal of our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. Ella C. Beegle, and our prayers will ever be that success follow her labors in whatever portion of the Lord's vineyard she may be called to labor.

5. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to the pastor and people of the Congregational Church for the use of their church and the many kind attentions shown us during the sessions of our convention.

6. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge our appreciation of the hospitality extended to us by the members and friends of Christ's Lutheran Church, and we express our thanks to the pastor and his wife, the choir, and the people of Eureka, who have opened their homes and their hearts to us as a convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. P. ADAMS,
MRS. E. E. STAUFFER,
MRS. W. F. STOWE.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

The President's Report is full of helpfulness and encouragement.

We suggest that special attention be given her recommendation in regard to a fitting celebration of our Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

We also suggest that her report be carefully read in our Auxiliaries.

The committee has examined the Report of our Corresponding Secretary, and find it to be correct in every particular.

We hereby express our appreciation of her valuable services rendered during her term of office.

The Report of our Historian shows the work has been done faithfully and satisfactorily.

The Reports of our Vice-Presidents are encouraging, showing that there have been three new organizations in our Synod during the year, with promise of others.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LYDIA OTT,
MISS ANNA LEIDIGH,
MRS. PHEBE BENDER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature and Box-work Reports.

We, your committee on the Report of Literature Committee, have examined said report, and are gratified at the amount of literature taken by the societies. There are still four societies that do not take the *Mission Studies* and four not taking the monthly tracts. We would recommend to have all the societies take these valuable aids to the conducting of our missionary meetings. We also heartily endorse the formation of classes for the study of "Rex Christus."

Our Box-work, we would report gratification that so many societies have had a part in the blessed work, and would urge that this be practiced in by every Synodical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. K. RIZER,
MISS MYRTLE B. HOLLER,
MRS. D. B. SEWARD.

Adopted.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws reported, recommending the adoption of two additional By-Laws, which, after being amended, were adopted as follows:

An annual tax of twenty cents per member shall be paid for Synodical dues and the expense of delegate to the Biennial Convention.

The Auxiliaries shall elect their delegate to the Synodical Convention in August and report to the Synodical President immediately..

Moved and carried that the By-Laws be printed in full in the Minutes.

A communication from Mrs. S. Kistler, of Hebron, giving report of work in that Auxiliary, was read; also, a letter of greetings from Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer, and, in compliance with her request, the society joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

The election of officers resulted as follows :

President—Mrs. H. A. Ott.

Vice-President, Northeast Conference—Mrs. J. P. Adams.

Vice-President, Northwest Conference—Mrs. S. Kistler.

Vice-President, Southwest Conference—Miss Anna Leidigh.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. L. Humphrey.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Hoffer.

Treasurer—Mrs. R. B. Wolf.

Rev. E. E. Stauffer closed the session with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

Devotional service led by Mrs. Servis.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee has checked over the accounts of the Treasurer and examined the report and find the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. PACE.

Adopted.

Mrs. H. Zimmerman, of Emporia, was elected a Delegate to the Biennial Convention. Mrs. John Hoffer was elected Alternate.

The Box-packing Service, in charge of Mrs. John Hoffer, consisted of singing; Scripture reading, Acts, 9th chapter; prayer by Mrs. Bond; vocal duet, Mrs. E. J. Wolf and Mrs. Kener; paper, "History of Box-work in this Society," Mrs. Hoffer. Mrs. Kener read a letter from the pastor to whose family a box was sent last year.

After singing, "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," the service was closed with prayer.

Abstract of Paper by Mrs. J. P. Adams.

"Missionary Mites—Their Unending, Increasing Influence."

Missionary mites. Does this mean we are to give only a few small coins for the work? I think not, but rather that we are to give our mites of time, mites of talent, and mites of influence to preach the Gospel to every creature.

It is a difficult matter to estimate the unending, increasing influence of missionary mites or efforts, but we are assured that "what a man soweth that shall he also reap." Mathematics and measuring lines cannot compass God's power in our missionary efforts, but we can claim the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway." There is no waste in nature science teaches us, neither is there any in grace, says faith. We cannot always see the results, but they are there as surely in grace as in nature. Let us take fresh courage, performing faithfully our part, and leave the results with God.

Synopsis of a Paper by Mrs. William Kelly, of Oklahoma City.

"*Home Mission Work in California.*"

I will present four reasons why the women of the Kansas and other Synods should interest themselves in the California work: 1. The task of establishing the Lutheran Church of the General Synod on the Pacific slope was assigned by the Board of Home Missions to the women of the Church, who, by accepting the task, obligated themselves to carry on the work in that State, from which work they cannot now retire without the loss of prestige, dignity, and self-respect. 2. We should interest ourselves in the California work because no part of our common country is in greater need of Home Missions than the State whose wants we are now considering. One year ago my husband prepared a list of more than thirty cities, varying in population from three to thirty thousand, without a single English Lutheran Church. 3. Large numbers of Lutherans, Danes, Swedes, Finns, Norwegians, Germans, settled on the coast, are inadequately provided with religious privileges, while their children, accustomed to the English language, are entirely destitute of the means of grace as taught and practiced by the Church of their fathers. 4. Home Mission work in California will pay! I use the term pay not in the paltry and mercenary sense of dollars and dimes, though in this direction the statement would hold good, but in the broader and nobler sense of establishing the Church, building up the kingdom of God, winning multitudes from vicious courses to lives of piety and usefulness, saving souls, honoring Christ, and glorifying the Lord; creating a moral and spiritual tone in numerous communities and imparting to a sovereign State of our country the blessings of a true Christian civilization; in senses such as these the work in California will pay.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee, after listening to the reading of the carefully prepared papers, would recommend that a short synopsis of their respective works be inserted in the minutes of the convention.

Your Committee on Letters recommend that the delegates urge the placing of the *Children's Missionary* in their Sunday schools, and would advise their sending for sample copies, as suggested by Miss Laura Wade Rice in her letter to the convention.

We acknowledge the words of greeting from Mrs. E. D. Miller, General Treasurer, urging us to a forward movement with more faith and prayer.

We recommend the payment of all bills that have been presented at this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM KELLY,
MRS. K. SERVIS,
MRS. BELLE BRIGHT.

Adopted.

Moved and carried that the bills be allowed and orders be drawn on the Treasurer for the amounts.

Report of Committee on New Department Reports.

We, your committee, have examined the Reports of the Secretaries of the Home, Thank-offering, Young People's and Band Work, and German Departments, and find that, while the work is new, much interest is manifested along the different lines. We recommend that Secretaries be appointed for the following year and that delegates urge the appointment of Secretaries in their Auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN HOFFER,
MRS. M. A. ACKER.

Adopted.

Moved and carried that Section 1, Article IV., be eliminated from the By-Laws.

Miss Anna Leidigh spoke of the Endowment Fund.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Ott convey the greetings of this convention to the Synod.

Moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to write letters of sympathy and regret to Mrs. Nelson, Ottawa, Kan.; Mrs. J. P. Burtis, Waterville, Kan.; and Mrs. B. F. Pugh, Ottawa, Kan., on account of their absence from convention owing to illness in their families.

Mrs. Ott made the following appointments for the coming year:

Secretary Jubilee Fund—Mrs. O. J. Peters.

Secretary Thank-offering Department—Mrs. A. G. Bond.

Secretary Home Department—Miss Anna Leidigh.

Secretary Young People's and Band Work Department—Mrs. J. P. Burtis.

Secretary German Department—Mrs. Carl Krueger.

Literature Committee—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. W. H. Barber.

Box-Work Committee—Mrs. J. P. Adams, Mrs. S. Kistler, Miss Anna Leidigh.

Auditing Committee—Mrs. J. A. M. Ziegler, Mrs. H. George.

Endowment Fund—Miss Anna Leidigh.

The closing service was conducted by Mrs. J. Kent Rizer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Annual Executive Session convened at 5 P. M., Friday.

Moved and carried that a special appeal be sent to the societies to help defray the expenses of Mrs. Shaffer.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Mrs. Hoffer, postage	$0 75
Mrs. Ott, postage, tracts, etc	1 00
President's expenses, including programmes, etc	13 88
Corresponding Secretary's expenses	5 80
Appropriation for literature	5 00
Expenses of Chairman of Literature	7 50
Recording Secretary's expenses	7 68
Janitor's fee	1 00
Total	$42 61

MRS. HERBERT L. HUMPHREY,
Recording Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents—selected, respectively, from the three conferences comprising the Synod—Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

ARTICLE II.—Elections.

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the morning session of the last day of the annual meeting, a majority vote being necessary to an election.

Section 2. No lady shall be eligible to any one office for a longer period than two consecutive years.

ARTICLE III.—Executive Committee.

The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to exercise supervision throughout the year, and fill all vacancies in office or committee.

ARTICLE IV.—Incidental Fund.

Section 1. Auxiliaries shall contribute twenty cents per member annually toward an incidental fund and the expense of a delegate to the Biennial Convention.

Section 2. The expenses of the administration throughout the year, also the traveling expenses of the President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Delegate of the Synodical Literature Committee to the annual convention, shall be paid from this fund.

ARTICLE V.—Synodical Delegate.

The Auxiliaries shall elect their delegates to the Synodical Conventions in August and report to the Synodical President immediately.

ARTICLE VI.—Amendments.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Annual Convention.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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THE GENERAL SYNOD.

"The [illegible] Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States [illegible]."

THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

"The [illegible] Church Extension of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

"The [illegible] of Education of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The [illegible] of Foreign Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT GETTYSBURG.

"The [illegible] Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"The [illegible] Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

"The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE DEACONESS BOARD.

"The Deaconess Board of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE ORPHANS' HOME AT LOYSVILLE, PA.

"Trustees [illegible] Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod in the United States of America."

THE PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

"Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

THE PASTORS' FUND SOCIETY.

"The Pastors' Fund Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

THE PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

"The Lutheran Publication Society."

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT ATCHISON, KAN.

"Western Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States."

CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

"Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois."

THE W. H. AND F. M. SOCIETY.

"The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

HOME FOR THE AGED.

"The [illegible] Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C."

CAUTION.

[illegible] will to remember that State laws should be consulted in